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SIRAJ FORCES SL TO SUBMISSION

50-over game turns into 50-run affair for India as they win their eighth Asia Cup title

FIROZ MIRZA @ Colombo

IT was quite an unusual sight — for the first time in the tournament, the R Premadasa Stadium was packed for the Asia Cup final on Sunday between co-hosts Sri Lanka and India. As the drama started unfolding in the middle, there was another unusual sight — the scoreboard. The wicket section was rotating faster than the runs and by the time the heavens opened up again later in the evening, the match was already over; in less than three hours. The 50-over match turned into a 50-run affair after Mohammed Siraj's inspired spell skittled Sri Lanka out to give India a modest 51-run target. Almost as if Rohit Sharma & Co did not want to go into another reserve day after a delayed start.

In a span of 24 balls, Siraj blew away the Sri Lankan batting. The pacer started with a maiden over and followed it up with four wickets off his next six balls reducing Sri Lanka to 12/5. He ran through the top-order and claimed his first ODI fifer (6/21) in the fifth over as the co-hosts were bundled out in 15.2 overs. India openers did the rest, chasing down the target in just 6.1 overs.

With the ODI World Cup on horizon, India couldn't have asked for a better end to this event — winning Asia Cup after five years. P11

(TOP) Indian team celebrate after winning the 2023 Asia Cup at the R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo on Sunday. Mohammed Siraj bowled seven overs on the trot to take six wickets, helping his team dismiss Sri Lanka for 50 in 15.2 overs | AFP

India's trophy drought ends

After five years, the Men in Blue won their first multi-team tournament, putting an end to the long wait. It should give them a morale boost ahead of all-important World Cup

16 Mohammed Siraj took five wickets in just 16 deliveries, the joint-quickest with Chaminda Vaas and USA's Ali Khan, since 2002

Chorus for women's bill in all-party meet

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE all-party meeting convened by the government on the eve of the five-day special Parliament session witnessed several parties, including from the ruling NDA and the opposition INDIA bloc, demanding that the long-pending Women's Reservation Bill be passed during the special session.

After the all-party meet, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the government will take an "appropriate decision at an appropriate time" on the demand.

Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury said the party also wants pressing issues such as caste census, price rise, and unemployment to be discussed in the special session. The bill seeks to ensure one-third of all seats reserved for women in the Lok Sabha and state Assembly elections.

Cong unveils six guarantees for poll-bound Telangana

B KARTHEEK @ Hyderabad

STATING that it was her dream to see a Congress government in Telangana, former AICC president Sonia Gandhi on Sunday announced "six guarantees" the party would implement if voted to power in the State.

Addressing a gathering at Hyderabad, Sonia said, "We will introduce the Mahalakshmi scheme, offering ₹2,500 financial assistance to all women, supply of gas cylinders at ₹500 and free travel for women on TSRTC buses across the State."

She emphasised that these guarantees were designed to fulfil the people's aspirations and pledged to deliver on each of them without fail. Her announcement came after the extended CWC meeting, which covered various topics including State Assembly elections, particularly Telangana, Lok Sabha polls, special Parliament session, party discipline and other pressing matters.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge flanked by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi during the second day of CWC meeting in Hyderabad on Sunday | PTI

Leading up to the Karnataka Assembly elections, the Congress had made five similar promises, including free transportation in State-run bus services and financial benefits, and recorded a victory.

Now, the party has adopted a similar strategy by introducing the six guarantees tailored to the sociopolitical circumstances in Telangana, in contrast to the existing welfare schemes under the BRS government.

Rahul Gandhi accused the BRS government of plundering public funds. AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge recounted how Congress, under the leadership of Nehru and Patel, merged Hyderabad State comprising Telangana parts of Karnataka and Marathwada.

Not enough storage, can't release water to TN: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kalaburagi

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Sunday said the reservoirs in the Cauvery river basin do not have enough storage to release water to Tamil Nadu.

"We are filing an appeal before the Supreme Court, briefing it as to why Karnataka could not implement the orders of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA). Karnataka needs more than 106 tmcft of water in Cauvery river if we have to release water to Tamil Nadu. Karnataka needs 30 tmcft for drinking water purposes, 70 tmcft to save standing crops and 3 tmcft for industries. But as on date, we only have 53 tmcft," he said.

He termed former chief minister BS Yediyurappa's statement that Karnataka has released water to Tamil Nadu as politically motivated. All the previous governments, including Yediyurappa's, released water to the neighbouring state when they were in power, he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah along with Minister Priyank Kharge at a press conference in Kalaburagi on Sunday | KPN

"In a normal year, Karnataka used to release 177.25 tmcft of water. So far, we have released 37.7 tmcft. Let the former chief minister tell us where we have released 99 tmcft to Tamil Nadu. The CWMA has suggested that we release 500 cusses of water to Tamil Nadu. But we have not released it as we do not have sufficient storage," he added. P4

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Wishes its readers a
Happy Ganesha Chaturthi
Our offices and press will remain closed today & there will be no issue of the paper on Tuesday

Qatar may release navy men by Nov

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

EIGHT retired naval officers, who have been in solitary confinement in Doha for the past one year on charges of passing secrets to Israel, may return home by Diwali, according to an official in the know.

"In the recent past, there has been hushed talks of a possible repatriation of these eight officers to India by Diwali," the official said. Until it happens one cannot celebrate, he added. The naval officers, who are facing trial in Doha, have the next court hearing on October 3.

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Woman SI's son doing bike stunt kills farmer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

A 68-year-old farmer was killed after the son of a woman police sub-inspector from Nanjangud ran him over while doing bike stunts at Himmavu in Nanjangud taluk on Saturday.

It was only recently that the accused, a minor son of Nanjangud Traffic PSI Yasmeen Taj, had been arrested and released on bail for doing bike stunts on the Mysuru-Ooty highway.

The police said the minor was again doing stunts on his bike at the Himmavu Industrial Area on Saturday evening.

He crashed into Guruswamy (68) and Govindaraju (35), residents of Himmavu, who were sitting on the roadside grazing their cattle near Asian Paints factory.

Guruswamy, who sustained severe head injuries, died on the spot, while Govindharaju escaped with minor injuries.

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Family of four dies of asphyxiation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

In a tragic incident, four members of a family died in their sleep near Doddaballapur on the outskirts of Bengaluru on Sunday night. The police suspect that they died of asphyxiation as they had lit charcoal in a tin to ward off mosquitoes in the labour shed, where there was no ventilation.

The incident occurred at Holeyarahalli in Doddabelavangala of Doddaballapura taluk. The deceased have been identified as Kale Saraki (50), his wife Lachummi Saraki (48), their 16-year-old son Kushal Saraki and Kale's second wife Phool Kumari, aged between 35 and 40 years. The family was from Alipurduar in West Bengal and had been living in and around Bengaluru for the last 15-16 years. P5

EXPRESS READ

Armyman abducted, killed in Manipur

Guwahati: An Army soldier, Sepoy Serto Thangthang Kom, who was on leave, was found dead in Manipur on Sunday, a day after he was abducted by some armed men. P8

Modi inaugurates PM Vishwakarma

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi after launching the "PM Vishwakarma" on Sunday said the scheme will ameliorate the economic conditions of traditional artisans and craftsmen.

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BENGALURU

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Monday: 18/09/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Bhadrapada • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Thrutheeya 9.56 am
Nakshatra: Chittha 10.49 am • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Overcast

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.19 pm
Moonrise 8.31 am
Moonset 8.27 pm

PRR hangs fire again, waits for global consultant

8-lane project to come up on 1,810 acres; 2 rounds of tenders failed

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

Despite the State government announcing in its July budget this year that the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project proposed 17 years ago to decongest the city would be speeded up, the tender process itself is set to be delayed by a few months. The government has decided to hire a consultant with international experience so that it could help mobilise resources globally for the Rs 21,091-crore project.

Two rounds of tendering done in 2022 have not elicited any bidder for the 73-km project being undertaken on a private-public partnership model.

The Infrastructure Development Corporation Karnataka Limited (iDECK) is its consulting firm for the project.

A BDA source told TNIE, "The government has decided to go in for a new Transaction Adivsory Service (financial advisor) for PRR. The main hurdle for the project is resource mobilisation. Due to the huge sum involved, there is a thinking that a firm with international exposure will have the potential to help us mobilise the required funding across the world. So, we will first go in for a short-term tender to appoint the Transaction Advisor first."

The advisory firm will narrow down on the kind of funding that would suit the project, and how to draw big firms to invest in it. He declined to comment on the delay this would entail but it appears that it could be delayed by six more months for the third tender to be floated.

The initial plan was to permit the concessionaire to fund the project and lease it out for 50 years so that the amount invested can be got back through toll charges over that period. "Since it involves almost two generations, the response is not forthcoming," he said.

The thinking is to lease it for 20 to 25 years only. "The government can mobilise 'betterment tax' on areas within the vicinity, higher stamp duty charges and subsidise the contractor by adopting Viable Gap Funding methods," the source added.

PRR, comprising eight lanes and four service lanes, will come up on 1,810 acres of land in the three taluks of Bangalore North, Bangalore East and Anekal. It will encircle the city, commencing from Tumakuru Road on NH-48 at NICE Road junction, and end on Hosur Road on NH-44 at Nice Road start point.

Apart from ligitation cases filed against acquisition of land over the years, the big bone of contention at present between landlosers and the BDA is that of compensation. Land losers demand compensation as per the 2013 Act in which case Rs 15,475 crore would go just for compensation. BDA is willing to pay as per the Act that existed prior to 2013, which would reduce compensation by Rs 3,000 crore. The Supreme Court too has given a verdict in its favour.

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>
> A BDA Source

Follow this process, get HSRP by Nov 17

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AFTER the state transport department was flooded with multiple queries from the public, regarding affixation of the High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP), the department issued a public notice detailing the step-by-step process flow.

Those who own vehicles registered prior to April 1, 2019, can visit either of the following websites: transport.karnataka.gov.in or siam.in to book your HSRP affixation. Choose the vehicle manufacturer, fill in the vehicle details, choose the dealer location as per convenience, and pay the HSRP fee online. Following payment, an OTP will be sent to the vehicle owner, and the owner can choose the date and time of affixation.

Step by step

- Login to Transport.karnataka.gov.in or Siam.in
- Choose the vehicle manufacturer
- Fill in the vehicle details
- Choose preferred dealer location
- Make online payment
- Receive OTP
- Fix a date for affixation

A person can either visit the vehicle manufacturer/dealer or choose to get it done at his home or office as per convenience.

A top official from the transport department said, "There is a lot of confusion among the public regarding HSRP. As per the mandate of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), vehicles should affix HSRP number plates. The Union government wants to address multiple issues through this move. One of the major reasons for introducing HSRP is to prevent fake registration numbers used by criminals for illegal activities, and track vehicles for traffic violations."

He also warned the public against fake HSRP plates that look similar to the original ones, and reminded people that the deadline for HSRP affixation is November 17. Failing to do so can attract fines."

Switch to HSRP is easy: Assn

The state government had issued orders on August 17, 2023, however, so far only around 20,000 have come forward and made the change. "Awareness is low, and many people are worried of the authentic hologram, authentic dealer and even where to go. Citizens can just choose the time slot that suits them for getting the number plate changed from any authorised dealer, or even get it done at their home or office space," said Sudhir Goel, executive member and spokesperson of Association of Registration Plates Manufacturers of India.

He said there are 4,000 authorised two- and four-wheeler dealers in Karnataka, recognised by the transport department for changing the number plates. In case of two-wheelers, there will be two HSRP, and three in case of three- and four-wheelers, it is three, the third HSRP sticker is placed on the wind shield, for traffic cameras, he added.

'FUR'FECT PICTURE

Cute furry pets enjoy a day at the Petgala pet show at Jayamahal in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

JP Nagar Ph 7 layout to be raised to avoid floods

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) Commissioner G Kumar Naik has instructed officials to increase the ground level of the JP Nagar 7th Phase, near Alahalli Lake in order to prevent flooding. Naik was out on a surprise inspection of the infrastructure work at this layout and four other BDA Layouts in J.P. Nagar 8th and 9th Phase, Anjanapura Township and Anjanapura Further Extension.

An official release said that 71 sites of various dimensions had been formed adjacent to Alahalli Lake. "The Layout has been formed 5 feet below the level of the main road. This makes it a water stagnation point, which would flood fully during the rains," it said. To avert the floods in the future, the Commissioner instructed the engineer to raise the existing level of the layout at this portion alone, said an official.

To form the other four layouts, 3,058 acres and 27 guntas of land were acquired between 1999 to 2002, the release said. "The layouts were formed on land running to 1,071 acres and 23 guntas. A total of 17,057 sites comprising of 2,176 corner sites and 14,881 intermediate sites were created here. Additionally, 39 Civic Amenity Sites & 37 parks were also formed by the BDA in them." A total of 95.56 km of roads are being developed across these layouts and they are in the final stage, the release added. The Commissioner directed the officers to expedite them.

Trains to and from City to Devanahalli cancelled

Bengaluru: Due to maintenance works undertaken in the section between Bengaluru and Devanahalli, 11 trains running on the stretch stand cancelled, along with one train to Kempegowda International Halt Station on Tuesday (Sept 19) and Wednesday (Sept 20). One train pair is also partially cancelled between Bangarpet and Marikuppam.

Fully cancelled trains

KSR Bengaluru - Devanahalli - KSR Bengaluru Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) (Train Nos.06531 /06532); Devanahalli - Yelahanka MEMU (Train No.06533) & Yelahanka - Kempegowda International Airport Halt Station MEMU (Train No.06534); Devanahalli - Bengaluru Cantonment - Devanahalli MEMU (Train Nos.06535 / 06536); Devanahalli - Bengaluru Cantonment - Devanahalli MEMU (Train Nos.06537 / 06538) and Devanahalli - Yelahanka - Devanahalli MEMU (Train Nos.06539 / 06540)

Partial cancellation

The Marikuppam - Krishnarajapuram MEMU (Train No.01793) is partially cancelled between Bangarapet - Krishnarajapuram while Krishnarajapuram - Marikuppam MEMU (Train No.01794) is partially cancelled between Krishnarajapuram - Bangarapet.

Not so festive for idol makers, flower vendors, fail to make good profits

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

This festive season has not been merry for Gowri-Ganesha idol makers, and even flower vendors as they did not make the expected profits this year.

Kiran Balu, owner of Manjunatha Ganesha and Gowri Idols Works, and four idol making factories in Bengaluru, said that despite increasing the price of idols this year, they have made minimal profits as the cost of electricity and raw materials is high, and so is rent and labour cost, compared to last year.

He said the rates of both Gowri and Ganesha idols are higher; on an average, wholesale cost of a 1-ft Ganesha idol was doubled, and retail cost was increased by 25 per cent.

Despite being a fourth-generation business owner and selling around 15,000 idols, he made an overall profit of 10 per cent due to the high cost of other commodities. Earlier, rent, electricity, raw material and labour were much cheaper, yielding higher profits, Balu added.

However, idol makers noted a huge demand for clay Ganesha idols this year due to the ban on PoP idols. Yet, compared to the pandemic years, there is a higher demand for idols this time.

Flower vendors in Bengaluru who had also expected to see a surge in demand, did not see good sales this time. Girish Muchal, general secretary, Karnataka Small Flower Growers Association, said demand has been low this year. Families and even event organisers are using more plastic flowers as they can be utilised multiple times. Citing an example, he said a merchant buying 100 roses on an average was placing an order for only 50 roses.

On the contrary, the sale of food commodities did not see a decline, and prices were not hiked either, which spurred customers to buy more sweets and other festival goodies.

People purchase flowers and other pooja materials at the City Market on the eve of Gowri-Ganesha festival in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CLEANLINESS FORTNIGHT

18KG OF PLASTIC COLLECTED IN 10 HRS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

The Swachhta Pakhwada (Cleanliness Fortnight) commenced at KSR railway station on Saturday, with Sanjeev Kishore the General Manager of South Western Railway Zone launching the event.

A eye-catching sculpture of the planet earth was created by the Environment and Housing Department using the 18 kg of plastic waste collected within just ten hours inside the station. A Plastic Asura (demon) was also walking around to create awareness on dangers of single-use plastic and urging people to give plastic.

An official release said the first day was observed as 'Swachhta Awareness Day' during which, the importance of cleanliness and the ban on single use plastic in railway premises was highlighted. The Swacchta pledge was administered to officers and station staff. A signature campaign and walkathon was held inside the station premises led by the GM. Kishore inspected the station and urged passengers to use cloth bags instead of plastic bags in the interest of the environment.

A eye-catching sculpture of the Planet Earth on display inside the railway station | EXPRESS

Bharat Scout & Guides unit conducted a streetplay to sensitise passengers, and encourage cleanliness in the station premises. The Pakhwada has been launched in Mysuru and Hubballi divisions as well.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th September: Jupiter, symbolising boundless optimism, is making its way through helpful zones, reaching a peak period in its twelve-month journey through the zodiac. This must be good news for all of us, although I often feel that excessive optimism is not always helpful. More on this tomorrow.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Why do you rush around so much? You will probably find that you may get as much done if you slowed down a little, especially now that the planets as a whole are in a relaxed mood. The trouble now is that Mars, your planetary ruler, is tending to make you obsessed with detail. But try putting your feet up for a change.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Why, you may wonder, do you have to spend so much time explaining all the pros and cons to people who never seem to listen? Perhaps it's because Mercury is currently in such a dastardly and mischievous relationship with your sign. Or, maybe, it's just that you expect too much of other people!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You know what they say - you can't live by bread alone. You can do no better than to sacrifice your own interests and help other people out for a change. Hopefully associates will now concede that you are indeed a caring and generous person. And about time too!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
For some time now you seem to have encountered a series of setbacks and disappointments. Yet, with any luck, recent efforts are at long last beginning to bear fruit. Never fear - the end is in sight. There's one other factor to consider, and that's the extent to which you worry about nothing!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Your planets are benevolent, but you can't always stay positive. On the other hand, please do remember that there's a light at the end of the tunnel, no matter how fed up you become with your burdens and obligations. Don't be too proud to ask for help and assistance. It could be given much more willingly than you expect.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Just because affairs in a number of areas are going so well, that is no cause for complacency. You are indeed at a turning-point, one from which you can be sure that all your interests will benefit. Passions are rising, so keep a steady nerve and stay cool.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You seem to fall apart when your emotional life becomes too complicated, and this, it must be said, is a problem you will have to learn to face up to. The fact that domestic pressures may be all too real doesn't excuse you. But then you are also tending to turn small molehills into major mountains at the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You'll face awkward issues head-on this week, and you won't be afraid to put forward your own ideas with clarity and vigour. You deserve to be heard, all the more so because they are so incredibly fascinating. If you're not getting your point across, put yourself in a partner's place and see how it feels.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Seldom have you experienced such a potentially decisive period in matters relating not only to money but also to the ways in which you value yourself. If you believe in your own talents then material reward will follow. You will also share in a partner's good fortune at some time over the next ten days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
A plethora of planets influencing your sign is a reasonable explanation for why you are under so much pressure. Why not accept that the present period is hardly relaxed and use your time to launch the next phase of your life? By the way, children have some of the best ideas at the moment, so listen well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There are almost certain to be major confrontations this week, but they could be behind the scenes and very few people will be aware that anything has gone amiss. Stick to the facts where possible, especially when talking to relations; they are unlikely to accept vague explanations.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You'll begin to expand your social circle, even getting in touch with people with whom you may not apparently have much in common. Among new friends you meet now will be some who will be very important for your future. Your planets show helpful trends for everyone involved in travel and communication, in whatever sphere.

SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

	4	1		5	2		9	
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7						4		
			1		4		5	
	3		6	7		8	2	

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7	3	5	2	8	4	9	1	6
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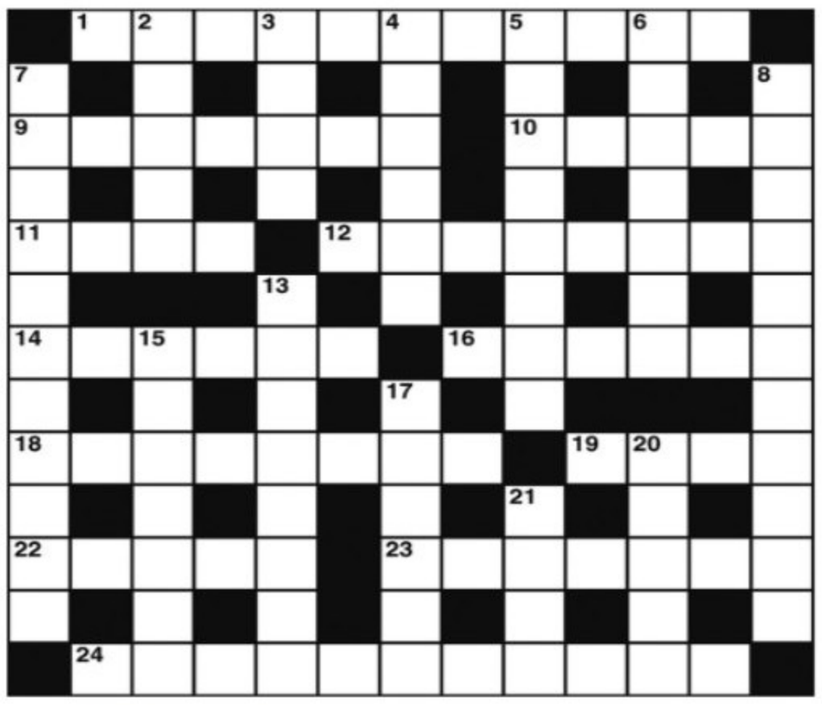

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Boxer of little importance (11)
9 A certain pace produced by the position of a jockey (7)
10 The beast arrived and left (5)
11 The reason we hear bird cries (4)
12 Put an end to a current measure in drink (5,3)
14 What must be left at the end of the sentence (6)
16 Metal grating to cook eggs initially (6)
18 The end of training? (8)
19 Give a hand in getting a bargain (4)
22 It's not moving yet (5)
23 Nothing in fact is drunk in the party (7)
24 Make up the deficiency with a denture perhaps (5,3,3)

DOWN

2 Pull in first behind another vehicle (2,3)
3 He takes after his father presumably (4)
4 Sad reminder from the war (6)
5 Where a judge privately puts his films? (2,6)
6 Meaty part said to be for a bad actor (3,4)
7 Don't miss a few words from a comedian for example (5,6)
8 Washing may depend on it (11)
13 Places of little standing like a rundown toolshed (8)
15 The bee in one's bonnet? (7)
17 A swift turnaround is considered proper (3,3)
20 Heather is a girl's name (5)
21 Yearn for each other (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Batter, 4 Chestnut, 9 Sparta, 10 Ancestry, 12 Urge, 13 Gross, 14 Iron, 17 Homesickness, 20 No difference, 23 Trap, 24 Vixen, 25 Ball, 28 Mahogany, 29 Rapier, 30 Symmetry, 31 Staged.

Down: 1 Besought, 2 Team game, 3 Eats, 5 Hands and feet, 6 Stew, 7 Nature, 8 Trying, 11 Practitioner, 15 Ascot, 16 Usury, 18 Engaging, 19 Declared, 21 Stamps, 22 Mayhem, 26 Ogre, 27 Fast.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

SDMTI

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ROVAYS

I love the new logo!
Will it take long to redo our uniforms?
I'll get to the jackets next - then we're good to go.
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7/21
THEY BOUGHT PATCHES WITH THEIR NEW COMPANY LOGO FOR THE EMPLOYEES' SHIRTS, HATS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) " ( ) " ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ERUPT TRACT ABSORB EXEMPT
Answer: When she caught on to blackjack's odds, she became a — BETTER BETTOR

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao on Sunday held a meeting with Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and assured them of timely disbursement of salaries. The minister said ASHA workers are the backbone of the healthcare sector and the government will ensure that the salaries are given on time

Nipah scare: C'magaluru shuts doors on tourists from Kerala

Owners of homestays, hotels told not to allow people from neighbouring state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Chikkamagaluru

WITH an increase in the number of Nipah cases in Kerala, the district administration and district general hospital are taking cautious steps to tackle the spread of virus by taking necessary precautionary measures.

With the scare of Nipah virus looming large over the district and the Malnad area being adjacent to the coastal district, the administration has banned the entry of tourists from Kerala. Owners of resorts, homestays and hotels have been suggested not to allow the entry of these tourists.

On the other hand, the hill ranges of Mullayyanagiri and Seetalayyanagiri have been beckoning visitors from different states and large numbers of people through package agencies are visiting the district.

On the other hand, with bats being the carriers of the virus, local residents urged the administration to translocate bats that roost in trees. Social activist Sundaresh stressed the need to dispel fear in the minds of citizens and educate them to take preventive steps.

Meanwhile, district surgeon of Malle Gowda District General Hospital Dr Mohan Kumar said that there is no need to panic as no cases are reported in the district but as a precautionary measure, 6 beds equipped with ventilator and oxygen facility have been kept in the special ward.

Suggesting the public not to eat half-bitten fruits by bats, he advised people to take preliminary treatment.

Ex-Navy officer dies in accident on B'luru-Mys NH

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A RETIRED Indian Navy officer died and four others were seriously injured in a car accident on Mysuru-Bengaluru Access-controlled Highway at Srirangapatna taluk in Mandya district in the wee hours of Sunday.

The police said Kishore Babu (45) of Anekal near Bengaluru died on the spot while his brother Naveen Babu, friends Yuvaraj, Ramesh and Dhanpal were seriously injured. Babu hails from Tamil Nadu and had served in the Indian Navy.

They were travelling from Anekal to Ooty via Mysuru when the accident occurred around 5.30 am at Naguvanahalli.

The SUV was being driven recklessly and collided with another car which was travelling in the front and overturned. Due to the impact, the SUV caught fire. Locals rescued the four injured persons. They were rushed to KR Hospital in Mysuru and Government hospital in Srirangapatna. However, Babu who was thrown out of the car died on the spot.

Fire tenders, which rushed to the spot, doused the fire. Srirangapatna Rural police have registered a case and are investigating.

EXPRESS READ

Family of four injured in LPG blast

A family of four sustained injuries in an explosion caused by leakage of LPG gas at their house in Vasanth Layout in Marathahalli police station limits on Sunday morning. The injured have been identified as Selva Nayak (54), his wife Sudha Bai (32), their children Nandita (15) and Manoj (12). The condition of Sudha Bai is said to be critical. Police said the incident occurred around 6.45 am. **ENS**

Two held for possessing firearm

The Banasawadi police have arrested two men with criminal antecedents and seized a country-made pistol and two live bullets. The accused are Mohammad Zubair (37), a resident of HBR Layout, and Furkan Ali Khan (38), a resident of DJ Halli. Police said Zubair was allegedly planning to kill his rival Anees over a financial dispute. The police arrested the duo at HBR Layout on September 17. **ENS**

Two killed in road accidents

Two people, including a 16-year-old girl, were killed in separate road accidents in the city on Saturday. In one incident, Tamanna Singh, a resident of Bharathi Nagar, was mowed down while she was crossing the road. In another accident, Shahin Wasim Akram (26), a native of Assam, was killed when the two-wheeler he was riding pillion on collided with a lorry in Whitefield traffic police station limits. **ENS**

Man held for drug peddling

The Vivekangar police have arrested a resident of Koramangala on charges of drug peddling and recovered 20 kg of ganja worth Rs 12 lakh from him. Police said the accused, identified as Praveen, was arrested following a credible tip-off that he was smuggling drugs in an auto rickshaw. Based on the information, he was traced and arrested. A case has been registered against him under the NDPS Act. **ENS**

Cow vigilante to be released from jail

Following the state government's Advisory Board opinion on Goonda Act, the Home Department has ordered the release of cow vigilante and right-wing activist Puneeth Kerehalli. The Bengaluru city police had detained Kerehalli on August 11. However, the Advisory Board opined that "there are not enough reasons" to detain him under the Act. Following this, the department on Saturday issued orders to release him. **ENS**

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GOWRI GANESHA
FESTIVAL TO ALL
PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are requested to follow the below mentioned guidelines while celebrating the festival.
Keep Environment Friendly Ganesha (Clay and Turmeric) Idols.
Ganesha Idols kept in the houses should be immersed in the house or in the Mobile Tanks or Kalyanis designated by the Palike.
For Traditional Celebrations prior permission from the Single Window Centres should be obtained for installation of Ganesha Idols.
To prevent crowding at the places of immersion, follow queue and await your turn.
Before the immersion of the Ganesha Idol, remove the flowers and other materials, separate the dry and wet waste and dispose them at the designated places.
Ganesha Idols should be handed over to Palike Members at the time of immersion.
Do not use Plastic, Polythene, Thermocol, Chemicals which are harmful to the environment.
Strictly follow the guidelines already issued by the Government and any other rules and guidelines issued in future.
NOTE
Scan the QR code for information on 63 Single Window Centres & concerned Nodal Officers and details of 39 Temporary Kalyanis, 418 Temporary Mobile Tanks in the limits of BBMP or visit website https://apps.bbmpgov.in/ganesh2023/ or call BBMP Helpline 1533.
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Efforts are on to instal only clay idols and raise public awareness, but political support for pandals and PoP idols is creating a hurdle

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GANESHA STILL A BIG CHALLENGE

BOSKY KHANNA

UNDER high festive spirits, there is always an undercurrent of unrest rising from the government imposing multiple restrictions. But people forget that the purpose of every festival is not just to celebrate, but to nurture culture and strengthen basic principles of environment protection and ensure peace.

Since a decade, Central and state governments have been striving to ensure eco-friendly festivals, but have been unable to attain 100 per cent success. This is not just limited to eco-friendly Ganesha Chaturthi, but to achieving eco-friendly festivities across communities.

BIG PICTURE

However, for this year's Ganesha Chaturthi, efforts of the past seem to be showing results in some districts. At a meeting of all district commissioners chaired by the chief secretary on September 15, Udupi was listed as the first district in Karnataka to go 100 per cent eco-friendly, with zero large-sized Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols. Karwar was also on the list with 95 per cent success in eco-friendly idols, Mangaluru reported 90-95 per cent compliance, and Shivamogga showed 70 per cent success.

But Bengaluru, the state capital, is lagging far behind. According to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC), the success rate is just around 20 per cent. The reason is the vast unorganized sector involved in the manufacture and sale of PoP idols, and political involvement in putting up pandals and bringing idols.

"We have no problem with small idols as all of them are made of clay. The problem is with large idols. Although manufacturers and sellers claim it is clay, it is not. It is nearly impossible to have any idol taller than 5ft made with 100 per cent mud. It is heavy, and difficult to bake and transport. So we are insisting that smaller idols, under 5ft tall, be used. We have been struggling since 2016," says a senior KSPCB officer.

Scientist and rain water harvesting expert AR Shivakumar says the problem is not just with PoP idols but also heavy metals and chemical paints used. Glossy paints are used to get a shine and make the idols look attractive, but are harmful to the environment. Oil and chemicals released from them form a layer over the water bodies during immersion, diminishing dissolved oxygen levels and leading to the death of fish.

A senior KSPCB official admits that very little success has been attained in lead- and chemical-free painted idols. "We are insisting that eco-friendly paints – like vegetable and organic colours – be used. But manufacturers and sellers are not using them," the official says.

Senior environmental officer, KSPCB, Yateesh G says PoP does not dissolve in water. "It is harmful to the environment. Gypsum is heated at 120-180 degree Celsius to create PoP. It is then mixed with cement to make idols. Its disposal is also harmful to the environment," he says.

To achieve an eco-friendly festival, the state government on September 15 issued a government order banning the sale, manufacture and immersion of PoP idols. Also, as per Section 24 of the Water Act, 1974, it is a criminal offence to pollute water bodies. Government agencies have been authorised to file cases under the Environment Protection Act, Section 15.

A senior government official, insisting on anonymity, said: "Once the idol is installed, we cannot do anything. So we are taking measures to ensure that PoP idols are not installed. We made the single-window clearance stringent. Police and corporations are instructed to check details of idols before giving permission.

No permission is being given for installation of PoP idols. It can be achieved, provided there is no political interference. In many instances, pandals have the backing of MLAs, MPs and former corporators.

This is a major problem in Bengaluru, Belagavi, Mangaluru and other tier-2 cities."

A senior temple priest, not wanting to be identified, says: "We are installing a large PoP idol as we have already booked it. The government starts making announcements and issues orders when the festival is round the corner.

They should start the exercise a year in advance and give people economical alternatives. Roping in heads of various religious institutions and mutts to create awareness is a good move, but other options should be made available."

Rajanna Narendra, a member of the Bengaluru Mahanagara Ganeshotsav Samiti, said they were working on promoting environmentally-friendly idols, but it becomes difficult when politicians or eminent people are involved in setting up pandals and sponsoring the show.

Prakash Samaga/Udupi; Ramakrishna Badsheshi/Kalaburgi; Mallikarjun Hiremath/Dharwad; Arpita I/Shivamogga; Prajna GR/Madikeri; Firoz Rozindar/Vijayapura; Raghottam Koppar/Gadag; Tushar A Majukar/Belagavi, BK Lakshmikantha/Mysuru; and BR Udaya Kumar/Hassan

ECO EFFORTS

BENGALURU: The BBMP, police and DC's office formed 63 sub-division offices to give clearance for installing eco-friendly idols. Designated immersion sites were listed in 39 locations, along with 418 mobile immersion tanks, accepting only clay idols. Teams of marshals, police, revenue and transport department officials have also been formed to conduct raids and seize PoP idols.

UDUPI: Around 478 Sarvajanik Ganeshotsava Samitis are making sure that PoP idols are not used in the manufacture of Ganesha idols. Dr KM Raju, environmental officer of Udupi, said people should follow guidelines to make sure it is an eco-friendly festival. He added that some decorative items used in making idols are not eco-friendly, hence idol-makers should pay attention towards this too.

KALABURAGI: KSPCB is facing difficulties in popularising eco-friendly idols. Regional KSPCB officer Manjappa says they are not getting a good response from manufacturers, sellers and the public on using eco-friendly idols. "Our officers are constantly visiting police stations to lodge complaints against manufacturers and sellers. Police have not registered a single case till Thursday evening in Kalaburagi district," he says.

BIDAR: Manjappa says it's the same with Bidar district, which is represented by Forest and Ecology Minister Eshwar Khandre. Only recently, KSPCB got a police acknowledgement for a complaint registered in Bhalki of Bidar district.

DHARWAD: The district administration listed helpline numbers on which the public can call the authorities and give information about the manufacture or sale of PoP idols. Samples are collected from the point of sale and sent for testing. Some vendors have been warned and made to return PoP stock. Manufacturers have been slapped with penalties of up to Rs 10,000 under th relevant acts. Checkposts have been set up along border areas.

SHIVAMOGGA: Maheshwarappa MS, regional officer, KSPCB, says awareness has been created among the public and in schools and colleges to use eco-friendly idols. No one is allowed to immerse idols in water bodies. So far, no cases have been registered against manufacturers or sellers. There is also an increased demand for eco-friendly idols in Shivamogga city.

KODAGU: The National Green Corps (NGC) has been striving for the past 12 years to make Ganesha Chathurthi celebrations eco-friendly. NGC members visit government schools and conduct workshops to promote eco-friendly idols. The same was done during the Covid-19 pandemic. Students are also creating public awareness for an eco-friendly festival.

VIJAYAPURA: Despite Supreme Court orders, open wells and other natural water bodies have been used in the past for idol immersion. However, since 2017, stern measures have been put in place to stop this. Fences have been created to protect water bodies and only designated locations are allowed. Many Ganesha mandalis have voluntarily stopped installing large PoP idols.

GADAG: Idol-makers' association is now selling idols at APMC markets to avoid PoP idols. The idea of manufacturing and selling idols under one roof started a decade ago to ensure no PoP was used. Idol-makers' association secretary Muttanna Bharadi has requested the public to buy only eco-friendly idols. In some cases, locals have reported the sale of POP idols, but while the sellers escaped, the idols were seized.

BELAGAVI: Several environmentalists, NGOs, the city corporation and police officials have been engaged in creating awareness about the importance of eco-friendly idols for several years, but have seen a tepid response. So far, police have not filed a single case against any person for installing PoP idols. Manoj Sutar, founder, Ayu Foundation, an NGO, says eco-friendly Ganeshas are the need of the hour because PoP idols do not dissolve in water.

MYSURU: ysuru City Corporation health department officials seized PoP idols at Hebbal on September 5, following a complaint from the public.

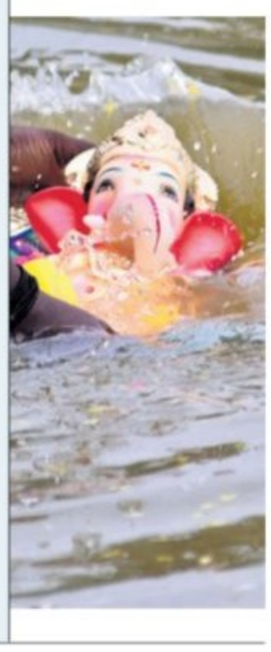
HASSAN: The district authority has come up with guidelines for eco-friendly celebrations. Deputy Commissioner C Satyabhama banned the manufacture and sale of idols ordered to allot temporary sheds for merchants to sell idols, while abiding by rules. Venkatesh Achar, a sculptor, says Ramasagara of Arasikere taluk is popular for manufacturing Ganesha idols as clay is available in large quantities there.

We agree that the order is late, but work in the right direction is on. We don't want to hurt the religious sentiments of anyone, but environmental protection is very important. Renting PoP idols is also not an option. It's like finding a method to escape the law.

— Eshwar Khandre, Forests, Environment and ecology minister

Efforts have been made for many years. Idols are made with other elements, like turmeric and even hay. In small idols, seeded ones are being promoted. KSPCB's role is to create awareness and ask corporations and police to act. Last year, KSPCB with the help of citizens and various organisations created a Guinness World Record of green and seed Ganesha idols. This year, too, many workshops have been held to promote eco-friendly idols. It is a slow process and success can be attained only if all are together in this. Action is also being taken at various points of immersion."

— Shanth A Thimmaiah, member secretary, KSPCB



View Cauvery conflict as humanitarian crisis, Stalin told

ENS @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Rajya Sabha member **Lahar Singh Siroya** on Sunday wrote to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin, urging him that both the southern states should at least break the old cycle of treating the sharing of the Cauvery river water as merely a regional conflict. "The conflicting approach has been prevalent for decades. Instead, it is best to view it as a humanitarian crisis to be addressed maturely by two state governments. I urge both CMs (Stalin and Siddaramaiah) to meet and resolve the issue," he stated.

In his letter, Siroya informed Stalin that Tamil Nadu should realise that Karnataka is not holding back water deliberately. It is just that its reservoirs are empty and there is drought in nearly 70 per cent of the state. Also, there is a looming drinking water crisis. "I urge Tamil Nadu to realise that Karnataka's water needs include the water needs of lakhs of Tamil speakers, who work and live in Karnataka," he stated.

"The best solution for this distress situation is for both states to understand each other's need and crisis like brothers. This can happen only if the CMs of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka meet and discuss the situation. More can be achieved by their meeting than by seeking help of the Centre or courts," he said.

JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda, who wished Prime Minister Narendra Modi on birthday on X, is due to attend the special session of Parliament staring Monday | FILE

Gowda in Delhi: Son to follow to finetune alliance with BJP?

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

FORMER prime minister HD Deve Gowda, who had admitted that he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah with regard to forging a pre-poll alliance between the JDS and BJP for the 2024 General Election, will be attending the five-day special session of the both Houses of Parliament starting Monday.

He wished Modi on his birthday on 'X', before landing in New Delhi."My warm birthday greetings to Prime Minister @narendramodi on his 73rd birthday. May lord almighty give him the best of health to serve the nation(sic)," he posted. Gowda had also taken part in the inauguration of the new Parliament Bhavan on May 28.

Now, his visit is crucial with regard to the alliance and the talks that he himself claimed to have had with Modi and Shah. "It is true that I met the two. Former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy will hold further talks over seat sharing," he stated, defending the move to join hands with the saffron party, with which he had maintained a distance for decades.

"In order to save the regional party, it was inevitable when Kumaraswamy to form a government with BJP during 2006. Now also, it is inevitable," he stated.

According to sources, Kumaraswamy is likely to rush to the national capital on Wednesday for further talks on the alliance. Since Gowda cannot visit New Delhi often due to his poor health, the alliance deal might be struck in his present visit itself, sources added.

The JDS leadership may seek five seats including Hassan, Mandya, Bengaluru Rural, Kolar and Chikkaballapur. After the negotiations, the JDS may settle for four. It is interesting to see if the BJP top leadership insists on Gowda contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha polls or not. In 2019, Gowda had lost from Tumakuru as a JDS-Congress candidate.

Paradigm shift in Cong costing Hariprasad dear?

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

CONGRESS MLC BK Hariprasad who once rubbed shoulders with the high and mighty of the party does not have much say with the party high command anymore was evident when he was not allowed to speak at the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting held in Hyderabad on Saturday and Sunday.

At the same time, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who was the target of Hariprasad's recent virulent attack, and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar were allowed to take the dais. This indicated a paradigm shift in the party high command's thinking, a political observer said.

But this change has been happening for sometime now. Hariprasad has been sidelined ever since the rise of general secretary (organisation) KC Venugopal within the party. But Hariprasad loyalists claim that Venugopal's ascent has had no impact on the career of their leader.

In the twilight of his career, 69-year-old Hariprasad was sent to Karnataka and was made an MLC. But after Congress came to power in the state this May, Siddaramaiah did not give him a ministerial berth, which is seen as a major snub to the once-powerful Ediga leader, the political observer said.

Declining fate of leaders

While Hariprasad was part of Sonia's close coterie, he has not been able to break into the inner ring of Rahul which is dominated by Venugopal. At the same time, Siddaramaiah has managed to get close to Rahul through Venugopal, he pointed out.

Same has been the declining fate of senior leaders like Dr G Parameshwara, H K Patil and others too. When Parameshwara, who was the then KPCC president, lost from the Koratagere Assembly constituency in 2013, it was Sonia who first called him up and expressed her sympathies, he added. But a lot has changed since then.

Congress govt has failed on development, says BSY

KOLAR: Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa on Sunday said that he intends to tour all the districts of Karnataka after Ganesha Chaturthi, so as to strengthen BJP and also highlight the failures of the state government. He accused the Congress government of releasing Cauvery water to the neighbouring state, even as little water exists in Kannambadi reservoir. Referring to the Congress' guarantee schemes, he said it is a temporary step, while development works will be permanent. "After forming the government in the state, not even a km of road has been asphalted... the Congress government has totally failed on the development front in the state," he said. Speaking about the 2024 General Election, he said the BJP will win 25 seats, which will be "a gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to become the PM for the third time". Meanwhile, he offered puja at the Kudalamale Ganapati Temple, and said that he prayed, along with other leaders, for the good health of PM Modi, and for his third term as prime minister. PM Modi celebrated his 73rd birthday on Sunday. ENS

Former chief ministers BS Yediyurappa and DV Sadananda Gowda, state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel, and former deputy chief ministers KS Eshwarappa and Govind Karjol, cut a cake on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 73rd birthday in Kurudumale on Sunday | EXPRESS

Malviya targets CM, depicts Siddu as anti-Sanatan

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BJP IT Cell head **Amit Malviya** on Sunday posted videos on X, showing Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah before and after the Assembly election. The intent was to depict Siddaramaiah as a proponent of anti-Sanatan Dharma.

With six months to go for the Lok Sabha elections, religion has become a hot topic and the BJP is going all out to show the Congress as anti-Sanatana. There are already many WhatsApp and social media messages that have been circulating, seeking to show the ruling Congress in anti-Hindu light.

Political analyst BS Murthy said, "Every trivial issue is amplified when it evidently can be neglected. The BJP IT cell has been fine tuned to look for religious issues and escalate them to toxic levels. These issues need to resonate with the reality on the ground. But it doesn't."

BJP MLC Adagur Vishwanath said, "Sanatan Dharma is not about someone accepting mangalarathi or not. It is left to one's choice, but without knowing the perspective it is difficult to comment. Sanatan Dharma is about loving all. But where is the space for Dalits and OBCs in Sanatan Dharma. Let us not forget that Dharma Guru Basavanna criticised Sanatana Dharma and started a faith called Lingayat dharma to include everyone. Kanaka Dasa too started a movement to include all."

H Hanumanthappa, former chairman of the National Commission of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and former MP, said, "The common man should understand that no one should exploit religion or religious sentiments for votes. Such misuse is only to benefit one's party and ikt is not fair."

As the nine-day Brahmotsavams are set to commence in Triupati from Monday, the hill shrine of Lord Venkateswara has been decked up. Large-scale arrangements have been made to facilitate a hassle-free darshan of the presiding deity as well as the Vahana Sevas to the devotees

Where there is dharma, there is victory, says KCR

Hoists tricolour, highlights significance of Sept 17

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

HITTING out at opposition parties and detractors, Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao declared, "Yato dharma, - stato jayah" (where there is dharma, there is victory).

Speaking after hoisting the national flag on the occasion of National Integration Day at Public Gardens here on Sunday, he highlighted the significance of September 17 as the day Telangana became an integral part of India, marking the end of monarchy and the beginning of democratic rule.

He attributed this transformation to the efforts of the then Union government, emphasising the unity achieved through the values of Mahatma Gandhi, the vision of Jawaharlal Nehru and the skills of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Expressing concern over persisting economic disparities, poverty, unemployment and other challenges even after 76 years of Independence, the Chief Minister stressed the need to create wealth and distribute it to those in need. He highlighted the State government's implementation of various welfare schemes with a humanitarian approach, stating that every family in the State has benefited from these initiatives. "With the implementation of schemes, the poverty has reduced in the State and the per capita income has increased," Rao said.

KCR mentioned the inauguration of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) and the completion of other irrigation projects in the region. "Opposition leaders from Mahbubnagar created obstacles and lodged cases against the PRLIS for their selfish political interests. Nevertheless, in the end, 'dharma' prevailed in the end," he asserted.

The chief minister also highlighted other major projects and initiatives by the BRS-led State government, including the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, Mission Kakatiya, 2BHK housing scheme, Aasara pensions and Dalit Bandhu, among others.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah during Hyderabad Liberation Day celebrations in Hyderabad | PTI

Thanks to Sardar Patel, Munshi, Hyd liberated without bloodshed: Shah

Hyderabad: Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah on Sunday stated that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first deputy prime minister and home minister in independent India, bypassed the highest authority of the country, breached the strongest ideological barrier and took the decision to design the police action on September 10, 1948, which he, along with the then Agent-General (Ambassador) to the erstwhile State of Hyderabad KM Munshi, had implemented it till the Nizam surrendered on September 17. Addressing the gathering during the Telangana Liberation Day celebrations held at Parade Ground in Secunderabad on Sunday, he asserted that if not for their joint efforts, the Hyderabad State wouldn't have been liberated so soon.

Kerala CM skips central scheme launch, sparks row

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ T'puram/Kochi

THE top echelons of the state government stayed away from the PM Vishwakarma Yojna launch functions, held in Thiruvananthapuram and Kochi to coincide with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday on Sunday, triggering a controversy. The BJP alleged the chief minister and his cabinet colleagues have "insulted an entire community and artisans".

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was the chief guest at the function, jointly organised by the Southern Railway and the Union MSME Ministry, in the state capital on Sunday morning. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vjayan, Ministers V Sivankutty, G R Anil and Antony Raju, MPs Shashi Tharoor and A A Rahim, Mayor Arya Rajendran, District Panchayat President B Suresh Kumar and District Collector Geromic Geroge were among those invited. However, except for the district collector, none of them attended the function.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar speaks to delegates during the inauguration of PM Vishwakarma scheme at Tagore Theatre in Thiruvananthapuram on Sunday

Pinarayi, who was in Delhi to attend the CPM Politburo meeting, was back in Thiurvananthapuram only on Sunday afternoon, said a source in the CMO. According to a source with the organising committee, some of the ministers and MPs had conveyed their inconvenience to attend the programme well in advance. Industries Minister P Rajeeve who was expected to attend the event in Kochi also skipped the function. When contacted, he said he was intimated about the programme only at the last minute, and there was a breach of protocol.

Police rule out foul play, await report

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THE police said Kale and his family had started working at a poultry farm owned by one Mohan just about 10 days ago. They were living in the labour shed next to the farm.

On Sunday morning, Mohan tried to contact them over the phone, but his calls were not answered. He went to check on them and found all the four dead inside the labour shed.

"We received information about the incident around 8.30 am and we rushed to the spot. Prima facie, it appears that they died of asphyxiation. As there were mosquitoes in the room, they lit a charcoal loaded into a 15-litre tin and slept, closing the door and window. As there was a lot of smoke and no ventilation, it is suspected that they died of asphyxiation in their sleep. While foul play is ruled out, we are awaiting the postmortem report to know the exact cause of death," the police said.

The Doddabelavangala police registered an unnatural death report based on the complaint filed by Kale's daughter.

Public had complained against teen's behaviour

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PEOPLE who witnessed the accident rushed Guruswamy, Govindaraju and the accused to the government hospital in Nanjangud. Later, Govindaraju was sent to KR Hospital in Mysuru.

The Nanjangud Rural police arrested the accused and booked him under IPC Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and produced him before court, which remanded him in judicial custody.

On August 19, the Siddarthanagar traffic police in Mysuru had arrested the minor for doing bike stunts in public places at Rajiv Nagar, a residential area in the city. The video of his bike stunts was uploaded on social media and it had gone viral. Based on the video, the traffic police had arrested the teenager, a resident of Udayagiri, and had seized his bike. He was later released on bail.

The teenager had also uploaded a video on his social media account flaunting a service revolver, issued to his mother by the police department.

Guruswamy's son Mahadevaswamy said the public had complained against the minor's nuisance to police officials, including ADGP Alok Kumar, several times by producing video clips of his dangerous bike stunts on his social media account. "As he is the son of a police officer, no action was taken against him. This negligence has caused the death of my father. We demand justice and severe action against the youth," he added.

Hundreds of farmers belonging to the Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, led by Marankaiah, protested in front of the KR Hospital mortuary, condemning the incident. Marankaiah said, "We demand stringent action against the youth and proper compensation to the family of the victim."

UVCE students to protest fee hike, campus shift

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

STUDENT committees at the University of Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE) have strongly condemned two of the recent actions, of fee hike and moving the campus 13 kms away, taken by the administration, and have sought government intervention to withdraw the orders, or will stage a massive protest.

In 2022, the fee which was capped at Rs 23,000 has now been hiked to Rs 43,000 for all UG courses in order to make the university self-sufficient. Kiran Kumar M, who is pursuing a degree in Computer Science, said, "They did not even consult us before taking the decision. We got to know only when it was put up on the notice board. So many students are still unaware of the fee hike." He added that this will be affecting over 3,000 students, and parents are also worried about the increased fee will burn a hole in their pockets.

First-year undergraduate students for Bachelors in Technology and Architecture will have to pay Rs 45,000 and individuals in their second to fourth year will have to shell out Rs 43,500. "Most of the students come from North Karnataka, are financially burdened, and can't afford general quota fee. Last couple of years it has just been 10% hike, this year its double," said Yashwanth LC, a final year student.

All India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO) has called out the current government, which had assured that the UVCE Act 2021 will not be implemented, and the campus will not be shifted. However, without consultation the government has gone forward with the decision. The UVCE will be moved from KR Circle campus to the Jnanabharathi campus. Last week, the Higher Education Minister Dr MC Sudhakar visited the new campus to give his approval.

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E-Tender Notification

Tender invited to submit from competitive agency for supply of man power in online quotation link https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in in for outsourcing man power to offices of Agriculture Department, Hassan District. Tender uploaded on 15.09.2023 and Last Date for submission of Tender Date:16.10.2023 at 5.30 PM for any further information contact Office of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Hassan. During office hours.

Sd/- Joint Director of Agriculture, Hassan.
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GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Wholly owned government of Karnataka undertaking)
CIN Number: U04010KA2002SGC030436
No. GESCOM/SEE (Procurement)/EE/AEE/2023-24/29692-96 Date:16.09.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP PORTAL MODE ONLY)

Tender are invited in Two Cover System in KPPP Portal model only for the following
PC-1273: Printing and supply of Thermal Paper spot billing machine rolls as per GESCOM specifications.
Dates: Bid documents available at KPPP Portal : on or after **19.09.2023,** Last Date: **04.10.2023 @17:30 Hrs,** Opening of Technical Bid: **06.10.2023 @ 11:00 Hrs,** Price bid: **07.10.2023 @ 11:00 Hrs,** Tender amount: **Rs. 67.26 Lakhs.**
Bidder Qualifying Requirements: As per tender documents (IFB): For additional information Contact: Superintending Engineer El., Procurement, Corporate Office, GESCOM, Kalaburagi-585102. Mobile: 94484 99997. Web Site Address: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement), GESCOM, Corporate Office, Kalaburagi
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KALYANA KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Office, Sarige Sadana, Main Road, Kalaburagi-585102
No. KKT/CO/COSP/01/2023-24 Date: 16.09.2023

"e"- Auction Notice

Scrap Materials available at various units of KKRTC will be sold through "e- Auction" to be conducted by M/s. M.S.T.C. (A Govt. of India undertaking),
The e-Auction schedule is as under:-
Scrapped Materials: **17.10.2023 To 20.10.2023**
The interested Bidders may log on to www.mstccommerce.com for further details and registration. They may also contact M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd, at bellow mentioned address for needful clarification.
Address: M/s. M.S.T.C. Ltd., No. 19/5, 19/6, 3rd Floor, Kareem Tower, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru-560052, Contact phone Nos: 080-22260054, 22266417, 22287356, Fax No: 080-22256365,
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Sd/- Controller of Stores and Purchases
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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/EPC/54/2023 Dated : 03-08-2023

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Construction of New Broad Gauge Line Track between Yadwad (excl.) and Jamkhandi (excl.) for a length of 24.61 km under Bagalkot - Kudachi New Line Project (142 Km) including Signal & Telecommunication & Electrical Works. (Tender Ref. No. YADWAD - JAMKHANDI-EPC)	Rs. 401,34,82,261.94

Bid Due Date	
Existing	Revised
02-10-2023 (15:00 Hrs)	02-11-2023 (15:00 Hrs)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client **Smt. Shyla Wo Venkatesh.N** residing at No.3BC-910, HRBR 1 Block, Bangalore - 560043 has intended to purchase No.3BC 910 situated at **Hennur Road Banasavadi Road (H.R.B.R.) 1st Block, Bangalore-560043** measuring East to West 9.15 meters, North to South 122 meters, in all measuring 111.63 square meters together with all sights, appurtents, whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the **East by : Site No.3BC 912, West by : 3BC 908, North by : 3B Cross Road and South by : Site No.3AC 909** from it's owner **Smt.Krithiga Chandrashekhar** W/o Chandrashekhar, residing at No.4636, MIA Circle San Jose, CA 95136 and to that effect have entered into a Sale Agreement dated 26-06-2023. That my client intends to purchase the said property within **21-09-2023** and there upon wishes to create charge viz, Mortgage or otherwise on the above said property for a loan / credit facility from Uttunga Souhardha Credit Co-op Ltd., No.6, Srivatsa Arcade, 151 Floor, 12 Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560 027.
Any person having any right in or title to or claim against said property or having any objection of whatsoever nature of the proposed transaction may immediately hereof lodge with me or with my client of his him/ their claim/s in this behalf together with the relevant documentary proof in support of such right, title, interest. If no such claim or objection is received, my client will presume that no person has any such claim and will proceed with the transaction.

GIRISH, Advocate
SG LEGAL SERVICES
No. 79/1, 7th Main 6th Phase, Mahaganapathi Nagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010 (Near Reva School) Ph : 6363859343

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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, **Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch, Bangalore** under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec 13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security **Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 01.06.2023** calling upon the **1) Smt Rosy Fernandes,** W/o Late Wilson Fernandes, (Legal Heir – Since Borrower Deceased), No 742/810 (Old No 801), 7th B Main, Gruhalakshmi Layout, Nelakadaranahalli, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore – 560073. **2) Smt Rosy Fernandes,** W/o Late Wilson Fernandes, (Legal Heir – Since Borrower Deceased), No 286, Gokula, Gruhalakshmi Layout, Nelakadaranahalli, Nagasandra Post, Opp Water Tank, Bangalore - 560073 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs 23,28,173.92** (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakhs Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three and Paise Ninety-Two only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/ Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **13th day of September of the year 2023.**
The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs 23,28,173.92 (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakhs Twenty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three and Paise Ninety-Two only)** plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land and building in Site No 810, Dasarahalli CMC Khata No 742, CMC Ward No 22, formed in Survey No 1/1B, 2b, 2/1, 2, 3, 3/2b, 94/4, 95/1, 2, 96/1, 3, 4, 97/1, 2, 3, 98/1, 2, 3 112/1, 113/1, 2, 4, 114/1, 115/1, 2, 116, 117/1, 2, 118/2b, 3, 119/1, 2, 120/2, 3, 121/1, 2, 3, 4, 122/2, 3, 5 formed by the Sree Gruhalakshmi Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd. Measuring an extent of East to West 67+69/2 feet or 20.41 + 21.02/2 Meters and North to South 30 Feet or 9.14 Meters totally 2040 Square Feet situated at Nelagadaranahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on: East by: Site No 791, West by: Road, North by: Site No 809, South by: Site No 811.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 13.09.2023
Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda, Rajarajeshwari Nagar Branch

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction)of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS " and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on 14.09.2023	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last date TIME & Place for submission of Bid
1	30258310000644	1) Mr. Melson P Sunny, 2) Mrs. Bileena Joy, 3) Mr. Joseph Anthony	19-12-2022	22-02-2023	Rs.4,20,327.81 (Rupees Four Lakh Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Seven and Eighty One Paisa Only)	25.09.2023 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.6,21,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Twenty One Thousand Only)	Rs.62,100/- (Rupees Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Only)	05.10.2023 @ 02:00 PM	04.10.2023, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: "Schedule Property" - Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of property measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas bearing Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3, 42/1 situated at M. Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore. **Bounded on the: East by:** Sy.No.43 Land, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Mayasandra Gadi, **South by:** Sy.No.41 Land. **Schedule-B:** The Undivided share in the schedule 'A' property which works out to 195 sq.feet. For 400 sq.feet of Built up area. **Schedule-C: Description of Residential Unit:** Residential Apartment bearing No.B-201, Khata No.535, Assesment No.T-8-B-201, Second Floor in Tower 8, in the Residential Apartment Complex known as "IANAADHAR SHUBHA" constructed on the schedule 'A, property, having a super built up area of 400 Sq.ft. with vitrified flooring and proportionate share in the Common areas, such as, passage/s, stair/s, duct/s, well and /or, room/s, water, drainage and/or electrical conduit/s and/or other area/s used in common with the purchaser/s of other Apartment/s and located at M. Medehalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and is **Bounded on: East by:** Open Space, **West by:** A-202, **North by:** Corridor, **South by:** Tower No.7.									
2	30198640001858	1) M/s. S I Marketing, Represented by its Proprietorship **Mr. Syed I Mahmood, 2) Mr. Syed I Mahmood** Proprietor **M/s. S I Marketing,** 3) Mrs. Almas Praveen	18-11-2021	19-07-2023	Rs.14,16,503.00 (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Three Only)	25.09.2023 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.24,30,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)	Rs.2,43,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Three Thousand Only)	05.10.2023 @ 02:00 PM	04.10.2023, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Corporation No.11/1, Situated in Muddamma Garden, 1st Main in Corporation Ward No.92, Bangalore (PID No.92-64-11/1), Bangalore Presently comes under the Jurisdiction of BBMP, in total measuring East to West 45 ft and North to South 10ft and **Bounded on: East by:** Premises No.11, belonging to Syed Ashfaq Ahmed Faheem, **West by:** Conservancy Land, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.									
3	45349660000133 & 45348640001561 & 45349660002139	1) M/s. Sai Surya **Creation** Represented by its Proprietor **Mr. Aswath,** 2) **Mr. Aswath** Proprietor of **M/s. Sai Surya Creation,** 3) Mrs. Jayalakshmi	20-03-2023	03-06-2023	Rs.53,43,689.53 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakh Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and Fifty Three Paisa Only)	25.09.2023 Time: 9:30 AM to 05:00 PM	Rs.38,88,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Only)	Rs.3,88,800/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Only)	05.10.2023 @ 02:00 PM	04.10.2023, Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., Head Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.9, Khatha No.41/9/9, in Sy.No.½, Situated at Chunchaguppe Grama Panchayath, Sheshagiripura, Thavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and **Bounded on the: East by:** 30 Ft. Road, **West by:** Site No.18, **North by:** Site No.8, **South by:** 25 Ft. Road, Measuring East to West: 40 Ft. and North to South: 30 Ft. in total 1200 Sq.ft.									

The properties are being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and the E-Auction will be conducted **'On Line'.** The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. 4 Closure** at the web portal **https://bankauctions.in & www.foreclosureindia.com.** For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. 4 Closure; Contact Mr. Bhaskar Naidu Contact Number: 8142000809/ 8142000061. Email id: info@bankauctions.in / subbarao@bankauctions.in.**
For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact **Jana Small Finance Bank authorized officers Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob No.9590858249), Mr. Umesh (Mob No.8050149617) & Mrs. Syeda (Mob No.7400445147)** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named Borrowers/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 18.09.2023, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural
Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

EDITORIAL

"A vast number of Indians who are outside the English-speaking milieu do not think about Macaulay. ... Both Macaulay's detractors and admirers are able to speak and write in English

Kancha Ilaiah

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— Ramnath Goenka

DEAL WITH HEARING ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN INDIA WITH EQUANIMITY

A day before the G20 summit, US President Joe Biden in his bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi raised the issue of human rights and the role civil society and a free press play in a vibrant democracy. It was not part of the White House readout till Biden was on Indian soil. He chose to reveal it in his opening remarks at his next stop, Hanoi. Biden perhaps wanted to assuage his accompanying media team that was shut out of the bilateral meeting at Modi's residence. At their previous bilateral engagement at the White House in June, Modi took a surprise question from the US media on the rights of the minorities, including Muslims, and free speech in India. Modi dismissed it with a sweeping assertion that there was no discrimination of caste or creed in India as democracy was in its DNA. Back to the latest bilateral, Biden made the lightest of diplomatic touches on human rights so as not to embarrass the host who was savouring the successful G20 glow.

A heavy touch will follow this week as the US Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) has announced a Congressional hearing on religious freedom in India on September 20. It comes bang in the middle of a special session of parliament from September 18 to 22, whose purpose is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma, to borrow a Churchillian phrase. The Congressional hearing can be expected to make the government squirm and give the Opposition fresh ammunition to keep up its attack.

The recent communal conflagration in Haryana's Nuh, the bulldozer justice in BJP-ruled states, and the arson attacks on churches in Manipur hills can be expected to figure in the hearing. The Haryana government is already under pressure from Bajrang Dal whose leadership is facing the heat. The USCIRF can be expected to show a mirror to the government on what the West thinks about the majoritarian pulls and pressures in the country and the status of its religious freedom. It's easy to brush its recommendations aside as being concocted and biased. The better way is to address it with equanimity in the spirit of free speech. Heavy artillery works better when used sparingly. Remember BJP trolls made a massive mess by going after the US journalist who was simply doing her job by asking Modi a sharp question.

VISHWAKARMA YOJANA MAKES TIMELY POLL PITCH

No one can do it like Narendra Modi. He has a gift for turning events into extravaganzas and using them as a platform to impress the voter no end. That he is very clinical in his planning and timing of such events is well known. The recent G20 summit was an example of how well he can craft a national or international event to establish himself as a leader of undisputed stature. So, when he chose to reach out to millions of traditional artisans by launching a new scheme on September 17—which happens to be his birthday and is also celebrated as Vishwakarma puja—there was little doubt that he was making a successful poll pitch, too.

The PM Vishwakarma Yojana, a subsidised loan scheme, has been launched a few months before the parliamentary elections next year. The scheme has been smartly packaged, beginning with the name. PM Vishwakarma Yojana is a name that not just appeals to the BJP's core Hindutva vote bank, but also seeks to instil a sense of pride among traditional artisans by addressing them as Vishwakarma, a god known for his skilled craftsmanship. The scheme offers loans of up to ₹3 lakh at five percent over four years. The first tranche of ₹1 lakh is payable in eighteen months; when one pays it off, one would be eligible for another ₹2 lakh to be paid over 30 months. The scheme offers collateral-free loans and a five-day training in modern tools. The training is for introducing craftsmen to the government e-marketplace, the GeM portal for nationwide procurements. The scheme will need a budgetary support of ₹13,000 crore.

It is another attempt by the Modi government to challenge the Opposition's narrative that it only works for big capitalists and makes life harder for poorer people. Some such schemes are already there—the Mudra Yojana gives small businesses and entrepreneurs loans of up to ₹10 lakh, the PM SVANidhi scheme lends street vendors up to ₹10,000. But one cannot fault the government for trying to capture the mindspace of voters with a repackaged scheme as long as it benefits the needy. After all, small- and medium-sized businesses, along with daily wagers, were hit the hardest by closures during the pandemic. The trick, though, will be in identifying the right beneficiaries and not squandering the hard-earned revenues on populism.

QUICK TAKE

ON A WING AND A PRAYER

TWO-FIFTHS of our bird species are in decline and some are close to being endangered. The latest State of India's Birds report says that 178 of the 942 species assessed require immediate conservation efforts. Among the top reasons are habitat loss, pollution and climate change. We need studies to understand their ecologies, including the effect of monoculture. Species- and site-specific monitoring of these birds need to be institutionalised. The four most endangered species in Tamil Nadu are the Nilgiri laughingthrush, Ashambu laughingthrush, white-bellied sholakili and Nilgiri pipit. Their loss would not only affect the state's flora, but would also make the sky much more grey.

Although members of the Constituent Assembly gave very evocative speeches 74 years ago in favour of the name 'Bharat', the country was finally named 'India'

INDIA MUST CONNECT WITH ITS ROOTS, BECOME BHARAT

A SURYA PRAKASH

Vice-Chairman, Executive Council, Prime Ministers Museum and Library, New Delhi

SOUMYADIP SINHA

HOW did our country get the name 'India'? This is indeed intriguing because the Constituent Assembly debates show that every member who spoke on the naming issue, including veteran members of the Congress and freedom fighters who suffered long jail terms, wanted the country to be named 'Bharat'. There was not a single speech in defence of 'India'.

Yet, when the matter was put to vote, Article 1(1) which said "India, that is, Bharat..." sailed through probably due to the silent prodding of the drafting committee members, and an amendment moved by H V Kamath which said "Bharat, or, in the English language, India..." fell through, with 38 votes in favour and 51 against.

The issue first cropped up in the Constituent Assembly on November 15, 1948, and again two days later on November 17. Since many amendments were moved to the draft article, Anantasayanam Ayyangar suggested that the matter be postponed. However, the Assembly finally got down to discussing the article 10 months later, on September 18, 1949. The first point to note is that although the Assembly gave its consent to "India, that is, Bharat...", no member spoke in defence of 'India'. The ones who spoke were effusive about the name Bharat. Shibban Lal Saksena, H V Kamath, Kallur Subba Rao, B M Gupte, Hargovind Pant, Ram Sahai, Seth Govind Das, and Kamalapati Tripathi were all in favour of 'Bharat'. Lokanath Misra said he preferred 'Bharatavarsha', a variant of Bharat, but not one member insisted the country should be called India.

Dr B R Ambedkar was getting restless due to the long speeches on Bharat's civilisation and other topics. He intervened to say that there was a long debate in the drafting committee and "it was not possible to decide as to whether Bharat should be used after the word India."

Kamalapati Tripathi, an older statesman and a top Congress leader who later became executive president of the party in the 1980s and Union Minister of Railways, delivered the most passionate speech in defence of the name Bharat in the Assembly on September 18, 1949. Although he preferred the opposite sequence, with Bharat being ahead of India, this is what he had to say: "When a country is in bondage, it loses its soul. During its slavery for one thousand years, our country, too, lost its everything. We lost our culture, we lost our history, we lost our prestige, we lost our humanity, we lost our self respect, we lost our soul and indeed we lost our form and name."

If "that is" was necessary, it would have been more proper to say, "Bharat, that is, India". But the very fact that Bharat had found its place in the Constitution was enough to excite Tripathi.

He added, "Today, after remaining in bondage for a thousand years, this free country will regain its name and we do hope that after regaining its lost name it will regain its inner consciousness and external form and will begin to act under the inspiration of its soul, which had been so far in a sort of sleep. It will indeed regain its prestige in the world."

Tripathi was enamoured by the historic name Bharat, stating that it "conjures before us by a stroke of magic the picture of cultured life of the centuries that have gone by". He said there was no other country with such a history, such a culture and such a name whose age is counted in millennia. He further said, "There is no country in the world which has been able to preserve its name and its genius even after undergoing the amount of repression, the insults and prolonged slavery which our country had to pass through. Even after thousands of years, our country is still known as Bharat." Adding that the name Bharat is full of sacred remembrances, he said that when we pronounce the word, we are reminded of Lord Krishna, Lord Buddha, Shankaracharya and the "mighty arms of Bhagwan Ram".

He concluded his eloquent advocacy of Bharat by saying that including and accepting this name would enable us to "give to this country a form and to give back to it its lost soul, and we shall be able to protect it also. Bharat will be a great nation and will be able to serve humanity on a worldwide scale".

There are many reasons why India should become Bharat. First of all, India is a geographical construct and a name given to this land by foreigners, be it Persians, Iranians, the Greeks or the British. On the other hand, Bharat is the civilisational name.

Many members of the Constituent Assembly spoke about the *Vishnu Purana, Brahma Purana, Vayu Purana*, and the Vedic age, when India was known as Bharat.

Significantly, the proposed switch from India to Bharat is also in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's determination over the last nine years to reconnect Bharat with its civilisational roots. This link was lost due to Islamic invasions, the British colonisation and Lord Macaulay's plan to impose English. Thus, renaming the nation goes perfectly with the PM's agenda.

The Congress' objections make no sense. Right from Nehru's days, we have had Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL), Bharat Earth Movers Ltd (BEML), Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL), among others. Rajiv Gandhi introduced the slogan *Mera Bharat Mahaan* and Rahul Gandhi recently completed his Bharat Jodo Yatra.

When you read Kamalapati Tripathi's speech today, when India has become the fifth-largest economy in the world; when several Indians head global corporate entities; when India has landed a spacecraft on the moon; and when it has found its place at the high table among the comity of nations as evidenced by the spectacular success of G20, you realise how intuitive and prophetic he had been 74 years ago.

Tripathi's masterclass on India's civilisational and cultural strengths and history paints the current avatar of the Congress party and the INDIA bloc in poor light. It is also a strong argument for naming the country Bharat so that the disjunction between the evocative speeches made by members of the Constituent Assembly and their final vote can now be corrected.

In short, the transition to Bharat must happen quickly so that the "tryst with destiny" that happened in August 1947 also becomes a tryst with our civilisational and cultural reality.

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LORD GANESHA, A GOD WHOM BOTH YOUNG AND OLD ADORE

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IT'S Ganesh Chaturthi tomorrow and millions will celebrate this most endearing and helpful god on his mouse Mooshaka, also called Krauncha. I don't know if children still have to follow the drill I followed as a child. Those days, we were not allowed to sit at home in the evenings. We had to go out and play with other children.

After vigorously running about and playing games, we trooped home when it began to grow dark. We had to wash our feet, hands and face as soon as we came in. We then went straight to the *puja* room where the evening lamp had been lit. After kowtowing to the gods, we recited a few short prayers. The first three were to Ganesha and then we'd say the *Yakundendu* to Saraswati. After that, we had to finish our homework before dinner. We were then free to read story books or play a board game, and so to bed.

We were told that Ganesha is the special friend of children and we could remember him whenever we felt we had a problem. So, our relationship with him began early, right from the time we learnt to lisp our prayers as very small children. A feeling of emotional security developed over the years, intensified by the beautiful glow of the evening lamp, and in our case, a *Kamakshi deepam*.

It was reinforced and multiplied many times over by the fact that Ganesha shrines were everywhere; his was the first shrine we saw when taken to visit a temple. Any new project, even our small childish ones, had to begin with a prayer to Ganesha to make it successful. Meanwhile, a charming custom in the North is to say 'Jai Ganesh karein', which means 'Let's salute Ganesha', when it's time to eat dinner, 'inaugurate' a new gadget or start the car for a road trip.

We discovered in later years that Ganesha was also the patron god of writers, scientists, travellers and traders, and that he had personally written the *Mahabharata* for Vyasa Rishi apart from winning the 'fruit of wisdom' for himself by going thrice around his parents, who were the world to him.

Such stories subtly taught us about the respect due to parents. When we experienced life's hard knocks as we grew up, Ganesha was an instinctive inner refuge of solace and encouragement.

Perhaps the most endearing thing about Ganesha is his easy accessibility. He does not ask for grand temples or rituals. He is there for you under a tree, in a simple roadside shrine and on your desk. If you can't offer him his favourite sweet, *modak*, on Ganesh Chaturthi, he doesn't seem to mind in the least. He wants you to taste it and be happy in his name.

A saintly figure who was particularly attached to Ganesha is Avvaiyar, the 'Tamizh Taai' or 'Tamil Mother'. She is better known perhaps for her encounters with Kartikeya but her love for Ganesha was very deep. She is beloved in popular imagination as a feisty, intelligent old lady who wandered around the country speaking words of wisdom and frequently scolding the populace for its own good.

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> Lord Ganesha does not ask for much: If you can't give him a *modak*, he is more than happy for you to eat it and remember him. He is a god you can find anywhere and everywhere, be it on your desk, a tiny roadside shrine or under a tree

Nobody could resist her moral authority, her uncannily apt sayings, still taught to children, and her utter conviction. She is said to have made the fiercest kings with the biggest moustaches quake—Chola, Chera and Pandya alike.

It is now suggested that Avvai is a conflation of three women poets who lived centuries apart in ancient India. Her most famous work is the *Vinayaka Agaval*, a 72-line poem in blank verse lauding Lord Ganesha.

It is said to have been written in the 10th century, but enjoyed a great revival in the 20th century and is widely taught even today, with many recitations on YouTube.

In it, she worships Ganesha as her earthly and spiritual saviour. She says fervently, "You rose up like a protective mother and severed the illusion of earthly bonds." Ganesha is said to have sent her to Kailash at the end.

Reflecting Ganesha's kindness, Avvai says there are but two types of people, high and low. "Ittaar periyaar, Idaataar izhikulathaar," she says, which translates to: "The generous are the high while the miserly are the low." She is also said to have made an early feminist remark: "There are only two castes—men and women."

She was greatly attached to Ganesha even as a toddler. She prayed to him with a patience and dedication unusual in a little child. When she grew older, she went every day to a Ganesha shrine in a grove nearby to sing to him and offer coconuts, bananas, honey, milk and flowers, which were said to be pleasing to him.

Avvai grew up to be very beautiful. Her adoptive parents insisted that she get married, which she vehemently opposed. She was a fastidious girl of a deeply devotional bent of mind and shrank from the intimacies and problems of being a housewife. She tried to reason with her parents that celibacy, too, was an honourable choice and that the right to say no was as valid as the right to say yes.

But her parents would not hear of it and arranged her marriage. On the wedding day, a desperate Avvai was dressed as a bride. When everyone went outside to receive the groom, Avvai bolted through the back door. She ran to the Ganesha in the grove and pleaded tearfully with him to turn her into an old woman to escape being married.

When the wedding party arrived in pursuit of Avvai at the grove, they were shocked to see her transformed, by her god's grace, into an old woman. She thanked her parents for their love and care, apologised for disappointing them and walked away for good, a free person.

Be it with an Avvai long ago or in our own little lives with their joys and trials, Ganesha's benign presence still seems to be very much with us.

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Xplainer page

Ref: *Would women's bill make Parliament's session special?* (Sept 17). The women's bill has long been an apple of discord. Naysayers are justified, given that any kind of preferential advantage in politics invariably aggravates social marginalisation, denying women the status of absolute equality. Powerful women leaders Nirmala Sitharaman prove that it is not through reservation but education and equal opportunity that we can become a truly equal society.

K Ruthvik Goud, Vizianagaram

NRI attacks

Ref: *Attacks on NRIs put US economy at risk* (Sept 17). It is unfair, even insulting, to say that middle-class Indians who opt to live in the US are demeaning themselves for big money and a better lifestyle. They enjoy more personal freedom without inviting the wrath of vigilantes and moral policers. By the columnist's own admission, Indian Americans play a vital role in the US' economy, bureaucracy and politics. It wouldn't have been possible if USA had an intolerant society.

Kurian Mathew, Bengaluru

TN schools

Ref: *Govt school education wilts for want of teachers in TN* (Sept 17). It was really shocking to read that TN hasn't recruited new teachers in a decade. Education and healthcare should be top priorities in any state to improve the human capital formation in the country. Mere allocation of monetary resources cannot reap dividends if the powers that be do not monitor the execution.

S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

Country's name

Ref: *Constitution, national symbols only glue that bind India, that is, Bharat* (Sept 17). Whichever name this country is known by, it remains united despite the diversity. This is because of what we learnt in school: the national anthem and the pledge. These instilled patriotism and oneness.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Ancient language

Ref: *A lament for lost contexts of Sanskrit* (Sept 17). The writer has vividly described the nuances of the *sandhi* and *samasa* in the Sanskrit language. *Tatpurusha* and *bahuvrihi* are used more in conversations.

Ramalingeswara Rao, email

Laudable achievements

Ref: *Narendra Modi the man leading the resurgence of Bharat's 'Dharma Yuga'* (Sept 17) This well written article cites most of the achievements of the incumbent government. Another achievement to be lauded is the abrogation of Article 370.

Dr P S K Rao, Ottapalam

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Dr Virendra Kumar @Drvirendrakum13
If there is garbage and filth around you then it is not right to look to others for cleaning it, taking the initiative yourself is the proof of an ideal citizen.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
The Congress has for the past nine years been demanding that the Women's Reservation Bill already passed by the Rajya Sabha should now get passed by the Lok Sabha as well.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Modi govt's export claims don't add up. Exports declining 7-month in a row, by 6.9% in August. Trade deficit at 10-month high.

Tricolour hoisted at new Parliament building

Special Parliament session to be held in the new building from September 19 after a photo session of all MPs in the old

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar during the flag-hoisting ceremony at the new Parliament building on Sunday | PTI

VICE-PRESIDENT and Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar hoisted the national flag at the new Parliament building's Gaj Dwar in the presence of Cabinet ministers and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Prakash on Sunday.

Dhankhar, after hoisting the flag, described it as a "historic moment" for the country and start of an epochal era.

"It is a historic moment. Bharat is witnessing epochal change. The world is in total recognition of Bharat's might, power and contribution. We are living in times where we are witnessing development and achievements that we never dreamt of. Our ground reality today is being reflected globally in the most affirmative manner," Dhankhar said after hoisting the national flag.

He used the word 'Bharat' as the country's name. "Heralding a new beginning from one glorious legacy to a new chapter in Bharat's Amrit Kaal," he later posted on micro blogging site X (formerly Twitter).

Union ministers, including Piyush Goyal, Pralhad Joshi and Arjun Ram Meghwal, attended the ceremony. Leader of Opposition on the floor and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge could not attend the ceremony as he is away in Hyderabad for the two-day Congress Working Committee meeting. He had written a letter to secretary general of Rajya Sabha, Pramod Chandra Mody, informing his engagement after he received an invite for the ceremony.

Union parliamentary affairs minister Prahlad Joshi told reporters that the special session of Parliament will be held in the old Parliament building on the first day. The next day, after a photo session of all MPs from the old building, the MPs will move to the new building.

"The special session in the new Parliament House will start from September 19 and regular government works from September 20," Joshi said.

Meanwhile, all Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members have been invited for a group photograph on Tuesday morning.

According to the bulletin issued by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, all MPs have been called for a group photograph at 9.30 am on Tuesday.

The MPs were also being issued new identity cards to enter the new building.

Room for all ministers

Rooms were allotted to Union Cabinet ministers in the new Parliament House. According to government sources, home minister Amit Shah has been allotted Room No. G33, while defence minister Rajnath Singh was granted G34. Women and child development minister Smriti Irani was given G8 and commerce minister Piyush Goyal G30 on the ground floor. Roads and highways minister Nitin Gadkari was allotted G31 on upper floor while finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman got G12. Minister of external affairs S Jaishankar gets G10, agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar G11, tribal affairs minister Arjun Munda G09, HRD minister Dharmendra Pradhan G41 and railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw F17.

POWER GAMES

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CEC Appointment Bill

STORM BREWING OVER 'DOWNGRADE' OF POLL PANEL

The government has decided to table the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, 2023 in the Lok Sabha in the special session of Parliament starting on September 18. There are two issues in the proposed bill that have raised concern. First is regarding maintaining the impartiality of the election commission, and the second is about the status of the chief election commissioner and the two commissioners. Article 324 of the Constitution empowers the Election Commission to conduct free and fair elections for Parliament, state legislatures and for the posts of President and Vice-President of India. The Supreme Court in a judgement earlier this year ruled that to maintain impartiality of the commission, the three commissioners should be chosen by a panel comprising the Prime Minister, the leader of Opposition and the Chief Justice of India. The proposed bill, however, seeks to replace the CJI with a Union minister. This is being cited as a move that will compromise the impartiality of the commission because no Union minister will oppose the Prime Minister and hence the commission would, in effect, be handpicked by the government. This has raised concern about conduct of free and fair elections in the country. The second objection to the proposed bill is the 'downgrade' of the commission. The service conditions of the three commissioners are currently at par with a judge of the Supreme Court. The proposed bill seeks to change their salary and allowance structure which equates them with the Cabinet secretary, a notch below a Supreme Court judge. The opposition parties are planning to raise these issues in Parliament. The new bill is also likely to be challenged in the Supreme Court as it seeks to set aside the selection panel suggested by the court.

NMC members fail to comply with asset disclosure norms

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

LACKING TRANSPARENCY

The Medical Council of India was replaced with National Medical Commission post criticism from Supreme Court and Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health in **2016** that its functioning was not transparent and was plagued with corruption.

Section 6(6) of the NMC Act 2019 provides that chairperson and every member of the commission shall make declaration of his assets and liabilities at the time of entering the office and while demitting the office

31 members has the NMC currently

In last 3 years the members, including NMC chairman, has not disclosed their assets on the website yet

IT has been three years since the formation of the National Medical Commission (NMC). But its members, including its chairman, have failed to disclose their assets on the website in violation of the NMC Act 2019.

Despite repeated RTIs and appeals, the 31-member NMC — whose terms will get over by September 25, 2024 — continues to stonewall the issue.

The non-compliance with the NMC Act is professional misconduct and means that in addition to their removal from the posts, their license to practise can be suspended.

Speaking to this paper, Kerala-based RTI activist Dr K V Babu said he had flagged the issue with the Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and wrote to him on August 15. Apart from that, he has also filed three RTI applications, followed by two appeals.

"I have written to the Union Health Minister. I have filed three RTIs and two appeals regarding the assets disclosure stand of the NMC, including its chairperson Dr Suresh Chandra Sharma. But there has been no reply from them. They are stonewalling the issue," said Dr Babu, an ophthalmologist.

In fact, in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on July 25, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar, had said that Section 6(6) of the National Medical Commission Act 2019 provides that chairperson and every member of the commission shall make declaration of his assets and liabilities at the time of entering the office and while demitting the office.

"As per the information provided by NMC, the chairperson and members have submitted the prescribed declaration," the minister said.

However, Babu said that the minister's reply in Parliament was incomplete. "She said copies of assets were submitted but was silent regarding uploading on the website, which is the laid regulation," he said.

"It took over 75 years for the erstwhile Medical Council of India (MCI) to be non-transparent. But it took NMC three years to become an opaque body," he said. The MCI was replaced with NMC after sharp criticism from the Supreme Court and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health in 2016 that the medical body that monitored medical education in India was not transparent in functioning and was plagued by corruption.

ED asked for probe into Naidu's skill development scheme, says Andhra CID

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

DAYS after the arrest of former Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu, the state government on Sunday said the Enforcement Directorate has directed the Crime Investigation Department (APCID) to probe the alleged skill development scam.

The APCID has, however, failed to trail the end beneficiary of the alleged scam that caused ₹241-crore loss to the exchequer.

In a press conference in New Delhi, N Sanjay, additional director general, APCID, said, "We have solid evidence against Naidu, who has made the scheme bypassing rules and regulations and allegedly released ₹371 crore from the state's exchequer to fund shell companies," he said.

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The press meet was also attended by P Sudhakar Reddy, additional advocate general of the Andhra Pradesh government. Journalists from Telugu regional media were, however, not allowed to attend the press conference.

According to Sanjay, in 2015-16, Ghanta Subba Rao, founder managing director and CEO of APSSDC, issued neither a dated nor signed government order to release ₹371 crore on the direction of Naidu. This included ₹41 crore GST.

The APCID said that the Enforcement Directorate detected irregularities in the GST claim of ₹41 crore and directed the state government to investigate the matter.

"After ED's official input, we further investigated and found that out of the ₹371 crore, Naidu swindled ₹241 crore," said Sanjay, adding that Suman Bose, chairman and managing director of Pune-based Design Tech System, helped Naidu in managing funds through a number of shell companies.

On asking of the chief secretary's minutes of meeting that directed to special finance secretary Dr PV Ramesh to release the fund, Reddy said evidence was tempered and destroyed.

Ghosi shocker

UP BYPOLL RESULT REVEALS DEEP DIVIDE IN THE BJP

The defeat of the BJP candidate in an important byelection in Uttar Pradesh's Ghosi assembly constituency has brought under spotlight the divisions in the party. BJP candidate Dara Singh Chauhan was defeated by Samajwadi Party's Sudhakar Singh by a margin of more than forty two thousand votes. The election result came as a surprise for the political pundits, who had unanimously predicted a BJP victory. Their assessment was based on the perceived popularity of the state chief minister and the decision of Suheldev Bhartiya Samaj Party chief O P Rajbhar to snap ties with the Samajwadi Party and join hands with the BJP. Rajbhar worked hard for the BJP candidate and had announced that the Samajwadi Party candidate would lose his deposit. Another factor that was said to be working in favour of the BJP was the decision of Bahujan Samaj Party to not field a candidate. Since the BSP chief, Mayawati, has lately been seen to be moving towards the BJP, her voters were expected to vote for the BJP candidate. But in spite of all these factors working in favour of the ruling party, its candidate lost by a big margin. Sources say that the BJP candidate in Ghosi became a victim of the divide between state and central leaders of the party. The defeated BJP candidate is said to be close to a senior central minister who is not on best of terms with the state leadership. He became a casualty of a high-level fight in the party. Sources said the BJP's top leadership is working hard to bring the two warring sides together so that their fight doesn't spoil the party's chances in the ensuing Lok Sabha elections.

New Vishwakarma Yojana to provide skill training, credit support to artisans

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

Narendra Modi during the launch of 'PM Vishwakarma Yojana' at India International Convention and Expo Centre in New Delhi on Sunday | PTI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi launched the ₹13,000 crore PM Vishwakarma Yojana on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti on Sunday. Modi had announced the scheme during his address on the 77th Independence Day.

"Today, I dedicate 'Yashobhoomi' to every labourer, every 'Vishwakarma' of the nation," Modi said, while launching the scheme at the India International Convention and Expo Centre in Dwarka.

The scheme aims to provide financial support, skill training, skill upgradation and marketing assistance to small artisans and craftsmen across India. The goal is to enhance their well-being and promote India's culture, tradition and craftsmanship.

Additionally, during the launch of the 'PM Vishwakarma Yojana,' Modi also introduced 18 postage stamps and a Toolkit Booklet.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that his government was totally dedicated to serving people from deprived sections of the society. "Modi stands for those who don't have anyone to care about them. My government's priorities are the development of the deprived people," he said, adding that the 'PM Vishwakarma' scheme will improve the economic conditions of traditional artisans and craftsmen to a great extent by recognising and supporting their skills.

The PM Vishwakarma scheme covers 18 focus areas of artisans and craftsmen, who belong to various communities under the Other Backward Classes (OBCs).

The government has provided an outlay of ₹13,000 crore for a period of five years to this scheme, which is said to be aimed at benefitting over 30 lakh families of traditional artisans and craftsmen, including weavers, goldsmiths, blacksmiths, laundry workers and barbers.

They will be provided recognition through the PM Vishwakarma certificates and identity cards; skill upgradation involving basic and advanced training; toolkit incentive of ₹15,000; collateral-free credit support up to ₹1 lakh in first tranche and ₹2 lakh in the second tranche at a concessional interest rate of 5 per cent; incentive for digital transactions and marketing support.

NALSA report sought on help system for women

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court recently sought National Legal Services Authority's (NALSA) report in a plea seeking to implement NALSA's Women's Integrated Help System (NWIHS) that aims to provide hassle-free access of criminal justice system to women and girls, who are victims of violence.

The system, NWIHS-181/15100, is a technology integrated system of 181 women helpline, coupled with NALSA legal Aid helpline 15100, and all other government schemes.

A bench of Justices SK Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia, in their order, said, "Before we proceed further in the matter, we call for a report from the National Legal Services Authority of India (NALSA) qua the scheme which the petitioner(s) seeks implementation of. Let needful be done within three weeks."

The court was considering a plea filed by National Federation Of Societies For Fast Justice while arguing that the system was being implemented for the past three years on a pilot basis in Jammu and Kashmir and Chattisgarh had sought for extending the scheme across the country.

"NWIHS-181/15100 has a wide scope of work. It includes access to justice, access to welfare entitlements and access to all NALSA schemes for men, women, children and disadvantaged persons. It further covers legislations such as Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005; Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961; The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act, 2013; Indian Penal Code Act; The Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013; Child Labor (Prohibition and Regulation) Act; Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006; Protection of children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 and Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act, 2015," the plea stated.

Highlighting its contribution regarding the partnership with the operating system software, the plea said the system ensures legal, medical and other services to women. "Thus, with the help of this scheme, women are not required to go from pillar to post," the plea also said.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Money laundering case: Hemant Soren seeks stay on ED summons

The Central government is using the Enforcement Directorate to target opposition leaders not toeing its line, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has told Supreme Court in his plea. Soren's petition sought to stay and quash the probe agency's summons dated September 11, 2023, issued against him in a money laundering case.

Difficult to clear arrears if Bar members don't cooperate: SC

Fairness is a "hallmark of great advocacy" and if the members of the Bar do not cooperate with the trial courts, it would be difficult for courts to deal with huge arrears of cases, Supreme Court has said, while hearing a petition against an order of the Bombay High Court. It noted that as per data on the National Judicial Data Grid, there is a huge pendency of suits in Maharashtra's trial courts.

'Can orphan kids avail quota for disadvantaged groups in schools?'

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court recently sought response from the Central and state governments on whether an orphan child can be included in the 25 per cent quota provided by schools to "child belonging to disadvantaged groups" in accordance with the provision under the Right to Education Act, 2009.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Mishra also asked if the benefits under the Prime Minister's Cares Fund being provided to children orphaned during the Covid-19 pandemic could be extended to other orphans as well.

"You have brought out a policy rightly for Covid orphans, now you must extend it to everybody. An orphan is an orphan, irrespective of whether the parents died in a road accident or due to an illness... You are attending to the condition, not to the parentage," the CJI said.

"We direct the Union of India to take and consider this aspect as well when it responds. All the state governments shall also file their affidavits on the above aspect," the bench said.

CHEETAH REPORT
Four of the six criteria established for assessing the short-term success of India's cheetah reintroduction programme have already been met, a government report said on Sunday.

01 DEAD — 2 HURT AS TRACTORS COLLIDE IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

Day after abduction, Army man found dead in Manipur

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

AN Army man in Manipur was found dead on Sunday, a day after he was abducted by some unidentified armed men.

The body of Sepoy Serto Thangthang Kom, which bore bullet wounds, was recovered from the Khuningthek village in the Imphal East district.

He was a "Kom", a smaller tribal community that was unaffected in the ethnic violence between Meiteis and Kukis.

Sepoy Serto, who was on leave and would have joined duty on Monday, was serving in the Army's Defence Security Corps (DSC) at Leimakhong in the hill district of Kangpokpi in the state. He had joined the DSC after opting for VRS from the Army's Assam Regiment.

According to his 10-year-old son who was the sole eyewitness, three unidentified armed persons entered their house at Neikailong in the Imphal West district at around 10 am on Saturday when the two of them were working on the porch.

The child said the accused people placed a pistol on his father's head and forced the latter into a car before driving away with him.

There was no news of the soldier until the body was found at around 9:30 am on Sunday. It was identified by his brother and brother-in-law. The body bore a single bullet wound on the head. The post-mortem report is awaited, officials said.

The Army condemned the killing and rushed a team to assist the bereaved family in all manners possible.

"The brave soldier who breathed his last at the hand of miscreants is survived by his wife, daughter and son. The last rites shall be conducted as per the wishes of the family," a defence statement said.

The statement also added that the Army stands by his family in these difficult times. The police said they were investigating the case.

Hunt on but no trace of militants yet

Mortar shells and grenades are being fired to liquidate 2-3 LeT militants hiding in forest

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

Security personnel on the fifth day of the ongoing encounter with terrorists, at Gadol Kokarnag in Anantnag district on Sunday | PTI

AS the search operation in the Gadole forest area of Kokernag in Jammu and Kashmir continued for the fifth consecutive day on Sunday, there was still no trace of the group of Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militants, who are involved in the killing of four security personnel including three high ranking officials in the gunfight on Wednesday.

Drones and helicopters are being used for the surveillance of the dense forest area of Gadole in Kokernag to track down and pinpoint the location of a group of two to three Lashkar militants, who are believed to be hiding.

The security forces are firing mortar shells, grenades and ammunition through drones at the possible hideouts in the natural caves in the forest area. One of the militant hideouts in the deep forest area was busted and demolished by mortar shelling by troops on Friday.

A portion of the forest area had caught fire and the flames and huge smoke was visible.

The elite special forces are assisting the troops on the ground in the operation and maintaining tight vigil to prevent militants from slipping into civilian habitation. More troops have been rushed to the adjoining areas to prevent militants from escaping from the forest area. There has been no trace of the militants after the initial gunfight and it is being suspected that militants are making use of treacherous terrain and forest cover to prolong the security forces operation.

There is no confirmation whether any militant has been killed in the operation so far. A security official said all preventive measures are being taken to ensure the safety of soldiers during the operation. "We are not hastening the operation and are going at our own speed," he said.

Meanwhile, a paramilitary CRPF jawan, who was part of Road Opening Party (ROP) duty in the adjoining area, was accidentally injured after being hit in the foot. The injured CRPF man was immediately evacuated and rushed to hospital. Meanwhile, ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar has asserted that militants trapped in the Gadole forest area will be neutralized. On Wednesday morning when an anti-militancy operation was launched in the forest area by a joint contingent of police and army, three security personnel — Colonel Manpreet Singh (19 Rashtriya Rifles), Major Ashish Dhonchak and Deputy Superintendent of Police Humayun Bhat — were killed in the gunfight with militants. Another army man succumbed to injuries on Friday, taking the death toll in the encounter to four.

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Disabled graphic designer honoured

Inderjit Singh Dang, a graphic designer from Uttarakhand, who is physically challenged, has been honoured by the state tourism ministry for his outstanding contribution in his field. He has been recognized as the Best Creative Graphic Designer at a Magazine's Uttarakhand Icons Awards, presented by Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj. Despite facing physical challenges due to a rare reaction to the polio vaccine, Inderjit's life is a testament to unwavering determination and resilience. Maharaj said, "Every youth should take Inderjit as an inspirational lesson in their life."

Govt college to be named after Ankita Bhandari

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced that he will name the Government Nursing College at Dobh (Srikot) after Ankita Bhandari. September 18 is Ankita's death anniversary. The CM said that our government stands with the family of daughter Ankita. "We are committed to ensuring the dignity and safety of every daughter of the state. Ankita, who worked as a receptionist at Vantara Resort in Ganga Bhogpur in Pauri district, was murdered on September 18, 2022. On September 24, 2022, the police recovered his body from the Chila canal.

MP tops in 'Tehri Water Sports Cup'

The four-day 'Tehri Water Sports Cup' held at ITBP campus Koti Colony in Tehri Garhwal concluded on Sunday. Madhya Pradesh was the overall champion with 14 gold, 07 silver and 08 bronze. Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj felicitated the winners and runners-up team participants with trophies. The Tehri Water Sports Cup, which took place from September 14 to September 17, featured open national canoeing sprint, senior men's and women's championships and qualifier events, in which 450 players from 22 provinces. In the event, Service Sports Control Board (SSCB) won 11 gold, 03 silver and 04 bronze in men, while MP was runner-up.

Qatar relaxes confinement fiat

EXPRESS

THE officers have been identified as Navtej Singh Gill, Birendra Kumar Verma, Saurabh Vasisht, Amit Nagpal, Purnendu Tiwari, Sugunakar Pakala, Sanjeev Gupta and Ragesh. These naval personnel have been charged with spying for Israel on Qatar's advanced submarines.

A few months after their arrest in 2022, Qatar asked them to pack their bags and leave for India. However, before they could do so, they were placed in solitary confinement. Later, espionage charges were slapped on them. Qatar has also eased the solitary confinement fiat, and has now allowed two persons to be kept together in a confinement cell. This has helped in improving the mental health of these officers as they have someone to talk to, the official said.

EXPRESS READ

Himanta invited to visit S'pore as Lee Kuan fellow

Guwahati: ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has been bestowed with the Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellowship by the government of Singapore for public works and development. According to an official statement, Sarma has been invited to visit Singapore as a Lee Kuan Yew Fellow.

Santiniketan, the place where nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore built Visva Bharati University over a century ago, was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site on Sunday. With this, it becomes the 41st world heritage property in India | x

Santiniketan a world heritage site now

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

SANTINIKETAN, the place where Rabindranath Tagore built Visva Bharati University over a century ago, was given the coveted tag of UNESCO World Heritage site on Sunday.

"A momentous achievement for India as Santiniketan, West Bengal, has been officially inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List, becoming the 41st World Heritage Property from India. This historic decision was made during the ongoing extended 45th World Heritage Committee Meeting held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia," wrote the Archeological Survey of India on micro-blogging site X.

Santiniketan has been a part of UNESCO's tentative list since 2010. The nomination dossier for the inscription was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2021.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said that she was glad and proud that Santiniketan has finally been included in the list.

"Biswa Bangla's pride, Santiniketan was nurtured by the poet and has been supported by people of Bengal over the generations. We from the Government of West Bengal have significantly added to its infrastructure in last 12 years and the world now recognises the glory of the heritage place. Kudos to all who love Bengal, Tagore, and his messages of fraternity. Jai Bangla, Pranam to Gurudev," she posted on X.

Santiniketan, in rural West Bengal, embodies Rabindranath Tagore's visionary work. Founded in 1863 as an ashram, Tagore transformed it into a school and art center in 1901, following the gurukul tradition. His vision, 'Visva Bharati,' focused on global unity, blending ancient, medieval, and folk traditions.

BJP deploys CMs, deputy CMs, Union ministers as MP yatras enter last leg

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AS the 'Jan Ashirwad Yatras' of the ruling BJP enter the last leg in the poll-bound Madhya Pradesh, the saffron party has put to field its heavyweights for the campaigning.

In the last two days, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma took part in the yatra in Katni, Guna and Harda districts, while Union Minister Smriti Irani addressed the yatra in the state's largest district – Chhindwara – which over four decades has been state Congress chief Kamal Nath's pocket-borough.

Former union minister and senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad was in Guna district on Sunday, which is the home district of ex-MP CM and Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh. Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh deputy CMs – Devendra Fadnavis and Brijesh Pathak – will join the yatras on Monday.

The BJP, for a few days, has been trying to corner the Congress over the anti-Sanatan Dharm remark made by DMK leaders, Karnataka minister and Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge's son Priyank Kharge.

Smriti Irani questioned the "silence" of former Congress president Rahul Gandhi and his family members over the controversy.

"I've been told that Kamal Nath is organising events of Hindu religious preachers in Chhindwara. But if he is an ardent Hindu, he should have the courage to ask the Gandhi family to break its deliberate silence on the anti-Sanatan remarks and oust the DMK from the opposition alliance," Irani said on Saturday evening.

She also mocked the INDIA bloc "boycotting" 14 TV anchors, questioning that if they (Opposition) are so "afraid of 14 journalists", how it will face PM Narendra Modi in the next general elections? Speaking in the same tone, the Assam CM Sarma said, "Abusing Hindus and their religion has become Congress style. Rahul Gandhi should have the courage to act against such leaders who insult Hindu religion."

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Mussourie's historic hotel gutted in morning fire

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

Smoke billows from Wooden Skating Rink Hotell in Mussoorie on Sunday | PTI

A major fire broke out at the historic Wooden Skating Rink Hotel in Mussoorie in the early hours of Sunday. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained while preliminary investigation is suspecting an electrical short circuit.

The entire the 12-room hotel, which was once Asia's largest wood-floor skating rink, was burnt to ashes. According to the police, the owner of the hotel was sleeping in his room but he sensed fire in the hotel. He broke open the window and came out.

Speaking to this newspaper, Station Fire Officer Dheeraj Singh Tadiyal said, "We received a call about a fire here at 5:10 am. A small fire tender was first sent to douse the fire and later two large fire tenders were sent. The fire was brought under control after nearly five hours of struggle. More than 50 lakh litres of water were used to douse the fire." "We had to return from Camel Back area and take another route from Green Chowk as our fire tender vehicles could not pass through the Camels Back area due to parked cars, resulting in a 10-minute delay in reaching the site of the fire", he said .

Mussoorie Hotel Association president Sanjay Agarwal said most of the infrastructure of the building was built mainly of wood and a part of the rink still remains which is a threat to passers-by from Camel Back as it can crumble at any time.

"We have requested the Mussoorie police to ensure that the area should be barricaded till the entire debris is removed, " he added.

The rink has a historical background in Mussoorie. It was built in 1890 during the British period. It was Asia's largest skating rink, as well as the billiards room, where Michael Ferreira and Geet Sethi also practiced.

Nimma Kant, a senior journalist from Mussoorie, says, "Earlier, the owner of this hotel had given the land of the rink to a dentist in exchange for dental treatment. Its construction began in the late 18th century. After this, Rink was bought by Purna Chand & Sons. Recently, a year ago, the Agarwal brothers sold it." The bright side of the ring was that William Shakespeare's plays were staged here.

Historian Jaiprakash Uttarakhandi gave prominence to the history of the ring. According to him, Rink Mussoorie was a pride of the city and many competitions including All India Roller Hockey Championship, Artistic Skating, Figure Skating were organized here.

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Green push: Assam aims to plant one crore saplings this year, 8 crore in '24

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

PEOPLE across Assam took part in a massive plantation drive on Sunday as part of "Amrit Brikshya Andolan". Through this campaign, the state government sought to increase green cover, plant 1 crore saplings and, in the process, create a world record.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the government would try and improve its own record by planting eight crore saplings next year and another 10 crore saplings in 2025. As commercial trees were mostly planted, he was confident that the green movement would boost the local economy.

"Assam creates history! Today I joined the #AmritBrikshya Jan Andolan to plant 1 cr saplings, a citizen-led movement to build a tree economy, a clean environment and celebrate the birthday of a true champion of the Green Planet - Adarniya Shri Narendra Modi ji," Sarma tweeted.

He made an appeal to ensure that at least 80% of these saplings survive to contribute to the attainment of net zero carbon emissions, a dream of the PM. The state attempted nine world records during the nine-day campaign which concluded on Sunday.

The records attempted were largest spiral of saplings, largest number of seedlings distributed in one day at one venue, most trees planted by a team in 24 hours, most trees planted in an hour, largest planted tree mosaic, most trees planted by a team of 100 in an hour, largest photo album of people planting trees, "most place taken to plant trees and to protect them" and largest nature conservation lesson in online mode.

Modi hailed the plantation drive. In a letter to Sarma, he wrote that it was heartening to learn about the launch of Amrit Brikshya Andolan. The idea of planting one crore saplings across Assam is admirable and laudable, he said.

"The picturesque state of Assam is blessed with rich biodiversity and diverse ecosystems, including a wide range of flora and fauna. The plantation of saplings on private and community-owned lands will go a long way in enhancing green cover in state," Modi said.

KIM GETS DRONES AS GIFTS AS RUSSIA TRIP ENDS

Before departing, the North Korean leader received 5 explosive drones, a reconnaissance drone & a bulletproof vest

SEOUL

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un is on his way home on Sunday from Russia, ending a six-day trip that triggered global concerns about weapons transfer deals between the two countries locked in separate standoffs with the West.

Kim's armoured train departed to the sound of the Russian patriotic march song "Farewell of Slavianka" at the end of a farewell ceremony at a railway station in Artyom, a far eastern Russian city about 200 kilometres from the border with North Korea, Russian state news agency *RIA Novosti* reported.

North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un waves as he boards his train prior to leaving Artyom, near Vladivostok, Russian Far East on Sunday | AP

Senior officials including Russia's Minister of Natural Resources Alexander Kozlov and Primorye regional Gov. Oleg Kozhemyako were present at the ceremony, which featured a Russian military band playing both North Korean and Russian national anthems.

Before departing Vladivostok, the Far East Russian city just over the border with North Korea, Kim was presented with five explosive drones, a reconnaissance drone and a bulletproof vest as gifts from the governor of Primorye, which borders China and North Korea.

It was Kim's longest foreign travel since he took power in late 2011.

Earlier Sunday, Kim was in a lighter mode, touring a university and watching a walrus show at a Russian aquarium. Russia's state media released videos of Kim, accompanied by his top officials, talking with Russian officials through translators at the campus of the Far Eastern Federal University in Russky Island.

At the island's Primorsky Aquarium, Russia's largest, Kim watched performances featuring beluga whales, bottlenose dolphins, fur seals and "Misha" the walrus, which he seemed to particularly enjoy, according to Russian media.

Kozhemyako, the Primorye governor, said a delegation from Russia's Far East would visit North Korea.

According to Russian state media, Kozhemyako said he will be part of the delegation that will travel with specialists from trade, tourism and agricultural sectors. The exact timing for the visit to North Korea hasn't been announced. *Agencies*

South Korea warns on military cooperation

SEOUL

SOUTH Korea's president said the international community "will unite more tightly" to cope with deepening military cooperation between Russia and North Korea, as he plans to raise the issue with world leaders at the UN General Assembly this week.

"Military cooperation between North Korea and Russia is illegal and unjust as it contravenes UN Security Council resolutions and various other international sanctions," South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said in written responses to questions from *The Associated Press* before his departure to New York to attend the UN General Assembly.

"The international community will unite more tightly in response to such a move," Yoon Suk Yeol said.

In his address on Wednesday at the annual UN gathering, Yoon will speak about his assessment of the Russian-North Korean moves, according to his office in South Korea, which added it is discussing countermeasures with the US, Japan as well as other partners.

"Our two countries (South Korea and the United States) reaffirmed that any nuclear attack by North Korea will be met with a swift, overwhelming and decisive response that will bring about the end of the regime," Yoon said.

"Going forward, (South Korea)-US extended deterrence will develop into a joint system in which both countries discuss, decide and act together," the South Korean President said. "We will also enhance the ability to deter and respond to any nuclear or missile threat from North Korea." *AP*

Ramaswamy wants to end H-1B visa programme

WASHINGTON

DESCRIBING the H-1B visa programme as a form of "indentured servitude," Indian-American Republican presidential aspirant Vivek Ramaswamy has vowed to 'gut' the lottery-based system and replace it with meritocratic admission if he wins the race to the White House in 2024.

Ramaswamy himself has used the H-1B visa programme 29 times. From 2018 through 2023, US Citizenship and Immigration Services approved 29 applications for Ramaswamy's former firm, Roivant Sciences, to hire employees under H-1B visas, the *Politico* reported.

Yet, the H-1B system is "bad for everyone involved," the 38-year-old biotech entrepreneur was quoted as saying by *Politico*. *PTI*

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Change in Venue or Date, if any will be displayed on our Website www.fedfina.com. All bidders participating will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit at the base branch wherein the ornaments were pledged by the customer or contact at the number mentioned above on/or before 28-09-2023 subject to the terms and condition applicable.

Auction will be conducted at respective branches, in case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level branch after displaying the details on our Website. No further communication shall be issued in this regard.

Dated : 18-09-2023 **For, sd/- Authorised Signatory**
Place : Karnataka **Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.,**

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, BENGALURU
BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore – 560 001.
O A No: 443 OF 2022.
Between: Canara Bank, (Erstwhile Syndicate Bank), Vimanapura Branch, Bangalore - 560 017. **...Applicant**
And
M/s. Sri Balaji Concrete Blocks, Represented by its Proprietrix, Smt. D. Saritha & Another ...Defendants
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
To: DEF -1: Sri Balaji Concrete Blocks, Represented by its Proprietrix Smt. D. Saritha, W/o. Sri V. Harish, Aged about 35 years.
Def:2: Sri Harisha V., S/o. Sri Venkateshappa, Aged about 43 years, both are residing at, No. 1496, Chikkanahalli Road, Raghavendranagar, Attibele, Bangalore - 562 107.
Whereas, the Applicant Bank has an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.24,03,000 = 00** along with ineterst at 13.05% p.a. from date of application till date of recovery.
You are required to show cause within 30 days from the date of service of the summons or on **19/10/2023 at 10.30 AM** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application wil lbe heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand the seal of this Tribunal this the day of **25th day of August 2023 at Bangalore .**
Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I, Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder from its lawful owner Smt. A. R. Soubhagya, W/o. S.K.Chikkananjayya, Aged about 73 years, Residing at No.208,BCC Layout, Vijaynagar II Stage, Opp to Somanna Park, Bengaluru – 560 040 (Aadhar No.3537 3697 3357), who is the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

Any person or persons other than the Vendor having any claim or interest in or to the Schedule Property, or any part thereof in any manner is/are required to forward their claim on or to the property to the undersigned at their office along with the relevant documents thereof, **within ten days** from the date of publication of this notice in this newspaper. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made it shall be deemed to have been waived and our client will proceed with the transaction without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being a residential site bearing No.15 Old Municipal No.1, carved out of Sy No.44, Kempapura Agrahara Village, situated at 4th Cross Road, Pipeline Road, Cholurpalya, Bengaluru 560023 having PID No.33-59-1 coming within the administrative limits of Vijaynagar Ward, Ward No.123 measuring East to West: 34 Feet and North to South: 60 Feet and in all measuring 2040 together with AC Sheet residential house having 600 square feet and bound as follows:
East : Site No.14; **West** : Pipeline Road;
North : Site No.3; **South** : 4th Cross road.

B.S.ANANTHAKRISHNA
Partner, A&M LAW PARTNERS, Advocates
3132, 2nd Cross, 1st Main, Rajajinagar II Stage, Gayathrinagar, Bangalore - 560 021, Mob : 7411490256.
Place: Bengaluru, Date: 15.09.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients MR. B. Gurumurthy, S/o. Basappa, and 2). MR. Naveen kumar. G, S/o. B. Gurumurthy, Both are R/at. No. 28 B, Marulasiddeshwara Nilaya, Gayathri Nagara, Mylsandra dinne, Beside Shalom Church, Begur Koppa Road, Bangalore, has entered into sale agreement for purchase of the property mentioned in the schedule below with Mr. Surampudi Venkatesh, S/o. Late Surampudi Guruvulu Shetty, R/at. 39-3-26/2, Flat No. 304, Murali Nagar East, Visakpatnam, Andra Pradesh. Now the public is hereby notified that if any persons/institutions have got any claims in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to forward their claims with copies of the supporting documents to the under mentioned address within SEVEN days from today. If no claims are received within the said period my client will proceed and conclude the transaction as if there are no claims from any persons/institutions.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property House bearing No. 40, V P Katha No. 111/40, Katha PID No.150200102800922205, of Hargadde Grama Panchayath, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, in the layout known as **"VENUS COUNTY-PHASE-IV"** situated at Haragadde Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, hereinafter referred to as the 'Schedule Property' and East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet totally measuring 1200 Sq along with residential building measuring 3000 Square Feet with all civic amenities Bounded on
East by : 30 Feet Road, West by : Site No. 46, North by : Site No. 41, South by : Site No. 39

Manjunatha S C, Advocate
No.123, 2nd Floor, Lakhmi Nivasa, 47th Cross, 20th Main, Near Variar Bakery, Dhobi Ghat Bus Stop, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10. Mob. 9448226484
Bangalore. Date:15-09-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client MR. Krishnamurthy K Ramaiah, S/o. Late. K. Ramaiah, R/at . No. 52, 1st Floor, 2nd main, 10th cross, Ullal Main Road, Jnana Jyothi Nagara, Bangalore - 560056, has entered into sale agreement for purchase of the property mentioned in the schedule below with Mr. Siddappa, S/o. Late. Ningappa, R/at No. 42, C/o. Devaki Prevision Store, 2nd Main Road, 11th A Cross Road, Prashanth Nagar, Bangalore-560079. Now the public is hereby notified that if any persons/institutions have got any claims in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to forward their claims with copies of the supporting documents to the under mentioned address within SEVEN days from today. If no claims are received within the said period my client will proceed and conclude the transaction as if there are no claims from any persons / institutions.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property Site No. No.2859, Katha PID No.6000071952, situated at Ramasandra village Sy No. 35/1C, Sir m. Vishveswaaiah 2nd Block Layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore measuring East to West: 18.00 meters and North to South: 12.00 Meters in all measuring 216.00 Sq Meters, and bounded on:
East by : Site No.2827, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 2858, South by : Site No. 2860.

Manjunatha S C, Advocate
No.123, 2nd Floor, Lakhmi Nivasa, 47th Cross, 20th Main, Near Variar Bakery, Dhobi Ghat Bus Stop, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10. Mob. 9448226484
Bangalore. Date:15-09-2023

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Public Notice For E-Auction For Sale Of Immovable Properties

Sale of Immovable property mortgaged to IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) Corporate Office at Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurgaon-122015 (Haryana) and **Branch Office at:- " "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025"** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002(hereinafter "Act"). Whereas the Authorized Officer ("AO") of IIFL-HFL had taken the possession of the following property/ies pursuant to the notice issued U/S 13(2) of the Act in the following loan accounts/prospect nos. with a right to sell the same on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS, AS IS WHAT IS BASIS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"" for realization of IIFL-HFL's dues, The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the website: https://www.iiflonehome.com.

Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower (s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property/ Secured Asset	Date of Symbolic Possession	Reserve Price
1 Mr.Bhadrappa N 2. Mrs. Gowramma (Prospect No. 914561 & 915168)	14-Dec-2022 Rs. 40,10,702/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Two Only)	All that part and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 9, in Khata No. 581/9, With Land Aera Ad Measuring 1200 Sq.ft., and Built Up Area Ad Measuring 770 Sq.ft., as per BBMP Khata No. 581/9, BBMP Ward No. 8, in Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Byatarayanapura Nagara Sabha, Bangalore North, Karnataka, 560092. **(Area ad measuring 1800 Sq. Ft.)**	07-Jun-2023	Rs. 85,44,000/- (Rupees Eighty Five Lakh Forty Four Thousand Only)
	Bid Increase Amount Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)		Total Outstanding as On Date 13-Sep-2023 Rs. 40,21,059/- (Rupees Forty Lakh Twenty One Thousand Fifty Nine Only)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs. 8,54,400/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Only)

Date of Inspection of property	EMD Last Date	Date/ Time of E-Auction
16-Oct-2023 1100 hrs -1400 hrs	18-Oct-2023 till 5 pm.	20-Oct-2023 1100 hrs.-1300 hrs.

Mode Of Payment :- EMD payments are to be made vide online mode only. To make payments you have to visit https://www.iiflonehome.com and pay through link available for the property/ Secured Asset only.
Note: Payment link for each property/ Secured Asset is different. Ensure you are using link of the property/ Secured Asset you intend to buy vide public auction. **For balance payment, upon successful bid, has to pay through RTGS/NEFT. The accounts details are as follows: a) Name of the Account:- IIFL Home Finance Ltd., b) Name of the Bank:- Standard Chartered Bank, c) Account No:-9902879xxxxx followed by Prospect Number, d) IFSC Code:- SCBL0036001, e) Bank Address: Standard Chartered Bank, 90 M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai-400001.**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:-

1. For participating in e-auction, Intending bidders required to register their details with the Service Provider **https://www.iiflonehome.com**, well in advance and has to create the login account, login ID and password. Intending bidders have to submit / send their "Tender FORM" along with the payment details towards EMD, copy of the KYC and PAN card at the above mentioned Branch Office.
2. The bidders shall improve their offer in multiple of amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increase Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes.
3. The successful bidder should deposit **25% of the bid amount (after adjusting EMD) within 24 hours** of the acceptance of bid price by the AO **and** the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
4. The purchaser has to bear the cess, applicable stamp duty, fees, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.
5. Bidders are advised to go through the website https://www.iiflonehome.com and https://www.iifl.com/home-loans/properties-for-auction for detailed terms and conditions of auction sale & auction application form before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. **For details, help procedure and online training on e-auction prospective bidders may contact the service provider E mail ID:- auction.hl@iifl.com, Support Helpline Numbers:@7291981124/25/26.**
7. **For any query related to Property details, Inspection of Property and Online bid etc. call IIFL HFL toll free no. 1800 2672 499 from 09:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs between Monday to Friday or write to email:- auction.hl@iifl.com**
8. Notice is hereby given to above said borrowers to collect the household articles, which were lying in the secured asset at the time of taking physical possession within 7 days, otherwise IIFL-HFL shall not be responsible for any loss of property under the circumstances.
9. Further the notice is hereby given to the Borrower/s, that in case they fail to collect the above said articles same shall be sold in accordance with Law.
10. In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder / auction purchaser within the above stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited (including EMD) and the property will be again put to sale.

AO reserves the rights to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and condition of tender/auction without assigning any reason thereof. In case of any dispute in tender/Auction, the decision of AO of IIFL-HFL will be final.

STATUTARY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8 (6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The Borrower are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Tender/Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Place:- Bangalore , Date: 18-Sep-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IIFL Home Finance Limited.**

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Kerala State Rural Road Development Agency (KSRRDA), Thiruvananthapuram
Notice inviting tenders (window)
Notice No.02/3414/2023-24/CE-KSRRDA Dated: 14/09/2023

Download Start Date	: 21/09/2023:	09.00 AM
Download End Date	: 03/10/2023:	05.00 PM
Last date of Physical Document submission	: 05/10/2023:	05.00 PM
Date of Tender Opening On-line	: 06/10/2023:	11.00 AM

Chief Engineer, KSRRDA invites e-tenders on behalf of the Governor of Kerala, On-line bids for 14 road works under PMGSY work from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Public Works Department of States / Central Public Works Department / Railways / Local Self Government Department. The bid forms and other Details can be obtained from the website www.pmgsytendersker.gov.in & other details if any will be notified in the website www.ksrrda.kerala.gov.in

Sd/-, Chief Engineer
RO/02210/D3/2023/I&PRD **Kerala State Rural Roads Development Agency**

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset(Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues(Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mr. Kumar P Mrs.Malathi T K New Friends Tailors (Prospect No 949604 & 978773)	All that piece and parcel of Property Bearing :Site No.49, V P Khatha N, 743/131/144/49, Land Area Ad Measuring 1900 Sq. Ft., Carpet Area Ad Measuring 2493.75 Sq. Ft., and Built Up Area Ad Measuring 3325 Sq. Ft., E-Swathu No. 150200300600620642 , Survey No.44, situated at Govindashetty Palya, Konappan Agrahara Dhakale, Begur, Bangalore, 560100, Karnataka, India. Bounded By :North : Property of Sampangi Ramaiah, South : Property of Shankar, East : Road, West : Property of Narayana Reddy.	949604 is Rs.15,30,420/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Thirty Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Only) & 978773 is Rs.15,87,086/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Eighty Six Only)	25-May-2023	14-Sept-2023
Mr.Chandraiah Mrs. Kala R (Prospect No IL10025951)	All that piece and parcel of : Flat No 201, 2nd Floor, Carpet Area 571 sq. ft., Super Built-Up Area 952 sq. ft., Akshaya Royal, Situated At Vikas Nagar, Yarandahalli Bommasandra, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, 560099. Boundaries of Undivided Share of Land: East: Road, West: Road, North: Site Nos.57 and 74, South: Site Nos.59 and 72.	Rs.15,94,527/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Seven Only)	23-May-2023	14-Sept-2023

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office: "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025** or **Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place: Bangalore, Date: 18-09-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

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MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, MESCOM Bhavana, Bejai, Mangaluru-575 004
Phone: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425
SL No : E-62705 & E- 37089 **Date: 11.09.2023**
TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites tender for procurement of following material as per Technical Specifications:

Tender No	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/2023-24/ IND0003	10 MVA, 33/11 KV Power Transformer with OLTC, RTCC & Accessories	10 Nos
MESCOM/2023-24/ IND0013	Accuchecks	1Phase - 13 Nos 3 Phase – 10 Nos Univarsal – 4 Nos

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **18.09.2023.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Procurement), Corporate Office

For Power Related Complaints and Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

Canara Bank (A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
Koramangala Layout Branch, No. 348, 100 Feet Road, 4th Block Koramangala, Bangalore–560 034 Tel: 080 25536364 M: 94835 20885, email:cb0885@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

1. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Koramangala Layout** of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" condition on **04.10.2023** from 10.30 A.M. to 12.30 A.M., for recovery of **Rs.68,75,252.14** as on 14.09.2023 due, to the **Koramangala Layout** of Canara Bank from **1.Nagaraj S** S/o Sripada Jois, **2. Anitha S R** W/o Nagaraj S, All are residing at No 39, 4th cross, 40ft Road, 2nd Phase, Manjunathanagar Rajajinagar Bengaluru -560010
The reserve price will be **Rs.43,00,000/-** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.4,30,000/-**. The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **03/10/2023** before **4.00 pm.**
Details and full description of the property: Property standing in the name of Mr. Nagaraj S, residential bearing Flat No.203 on 2nd floor of the apartment known as "RAJAMATHA GRANT" with super built area of 1060 sqft. together with one covered car parking in the basement/stilt situated at, Horamavu Village, K R Puram, Hobli, Bengaluru.East by: Private property, West by: Site No 9 & 10, North by: Road,South by: Road.

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, **Koramangala Layout** OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the Canara Bank, **Koramangala Branch, A/c No.209272434 - CANARA BANK SL- OL -RTGS-NEFT PMT,** ENS Koramangala Branch IFSC Code: CNRB0000885 on or before **04.10.2023 at 4.00pm.**
The property can be inspected on 03.10.2023 between 10.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. with prior appointment
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in ***https://indianbankseauction.com*** provided on the Secured Creditors' Website or may contact Chief Manager, **Koramangala Layout** Canara Bank, M-94835 20885, email:cb0885@canarabank.com. during office hours on any working day.OR the service provider M/S CANBANK COMPUTER SERVICES LTD. Contact Person Mr. Pakhare D D / Mr. Ramesh T H , Mobile: 9480691777 / 8553643144, Email: eauction@ccsl.co.in. Website: https://indianbankseauction.com
Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date:15.09.2023 Canara Bank

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER
BHARAT CO-OPERATIVE BANK (MUMBAI) LIMITED
'MARUTAGIRI', 3rd Floor, 13/9A, Sonawala Road, Goregaon (East), Mumbai- 400 063.
Telephone No.: 62849378 / 62849379 / 62849380 / 61890000

NOTICE

Members (Shareholders) of the Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd. are hereby informed that Election to elect the 17 seats in the General Category and 2 seats in the Women Category to the Board of Directors for the term 2023-2028 will be held on Monday, 02nd October, 2023.

The Election will be held at 79 centres. The SPECIAL NOTICE is sent to the eligible voters at their address as per Bank's record.

List of the polling centres and the contesting candidates are displayed at the Office of the Returning Officer, Registered office of the Bank and Branches of the Bank.

For clarification if any required, the eligible voters may contact, Office of the Returning Officer.

Help desk number: 62849378/ 62849379/ 62849380/61890000

Place: Mumbai
Date: 16/09/2023
Sd/-
A. K. Chavan
Additional Registrar (Co-operative Societies , M.S) (Retired) & RETURNING OFFICER
BHARAT CO-OPERATIVE BANK (MUMBAI) LTD.

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ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ ಅಥವಾ ಖಾನಾಪೂರ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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₹10,000 cr — Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi) plans to float rights issue next fiscal to expand its equity capital.

Stay vigilant against illegal loan apps that lure borrowers

People with limited access to traditional banking services turn to these apps as they promise low interest rates in a short duration

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

IF you think the threat of illegal digital lending apps is a thing of the past, recent incidents will change your perception. A 26-year-old woman in Mumbai lodged a complaint with the Bandra police in June about her morphed photos. In the image, her face had been morphed over someone else's naked body and photos were sent to some of her friends.

This came after she received calls from representatives of an illegal digital lending app through which she had taken the loan. The calls started coming from unknown numbers after she could not fully repay the loans taken from the Chinese app. The callers would use abusive language and threaten to circulate these morphed images to her contacts.

In a similar case, the Delhi police busted a call centre in April, which was functioning as a finance company, and nabbed 18 persons for extorting money from people through a Chinese loan app. They lured people by offering short term loans at very low interest rates. After disbursing the loans, they would raise the interest rates sharply. Even after the repayment, the call centre executive would demand more money and threaten them to circulate their morphed images to their friends.

These are not some isolated incidents related to illegal online apps in the country. The number of complaints against illegal digital lending apps has risen to 1,062 in 2022-23, according to the finance ministry data.

The trap to lure customers

Illegal online lending apps target financially stressed individuals who are in need of money. They promise low interest rates and that too in a very short time.

"Especially in the low-income segment, several factors lure customers to these illegal lending apps. These customers are often desperate due to a lack of structured sources of funding. These apps exploit the vulnerabilities of individuals facing financial difficulties. Other factors like ease of access, quick approval processes, and minimal documentation, make them appealing for urgent financial needs," Rishi Anand, MD & CEO, Aadhar Housing Finance told TNIE.

"Additionally, people with limited access to traditional banking services may turn to these apps. Illegal digital lending apps pose a significant threat to consumers and the financial industry," Anand added.

While banks and non-banking financial companies take time to approve a loan request as they do the background check of borrowers, illegal online apps do not care about such legal requirements.

"Illegal apps often require very little documentation and approve a loan quickly. Also, such apps often offer low interest rates, which can be very tempting for customers struggling to get a loan from a traditional bank," Shruti Jain, Chief Strategy Officer, Arihant Capital Market Ltd told this newspaper. "However, it is essential to remember that illegal digital lending apps are often predatory and can charge exorbitant interest rates and fees. They may also use abusive collection practices," she added.

How to spot illegal apps

In the digital age, access to credit through digital lending apps can be a boon, but it also comes with risks. To protect yourself from illegal digital lending apps, it is essential to be vigilant and thorough in your research.

"Being vigilant is key to spot illegal digital lending apps. These apps often lack transparency in terms of regulatory approvals and charge exorbitant fees. Customers should be wary of any lending app with unclear terms, excessive data requests, or an unprofessional design. You will often find these apps through malicious links via SMS or email, but they will not be available on app stores," said Rishi Anand.

"Responsible lending and financial literacy also help customers identify such apps. Customers can also do a comparison with other legal app offerings to help ascertain the authenticity of these apps," he added.

User reviews and ratings on app stores can provide valuable insights into the app's legitimacy. Borrowers should read through the comments and ratings to see if other users have reported any suspicious behaviour or unethical practices. Illegal lending apps frequently use high-pressure tactics to coerce borrowers into taking out loans or repaying them. If you receive constant calls, messages, or threats from the app's representatives, it is a clear sign of an illegal operation.

"Borrowers should be cautious of undisclosed fees, like processing or late payment charges, which can signal an illegal app. Excessive messages or calls should ring alarm as aggressive marketing may indicate an untrustworthy lending app. It is recommended to choose a reputable lender and consider financial advice when opting for digital loans," said Shruti Jain.

Look for legal digital lending apps

Customers can identify legal digital lending apps through several key indicators. Start by verifying regulatory approvals and licenses, as legitimate apps prominently display this information, says Anand.

"Check for reasonable interest rates and fees compared to established lenders. Ensure transparent and clear terms and conditions without confusing language," he added. Legal apps request only necessary permissions and prioritize customer data protection. Borrowers should look for robust customer support and contact information, including a physical address.

"Legitimate lenders do not ask for upfront payments or processing fees. Choosing regulated and reputable financial institutions ensures ethical lending and also safeguards your financial interests," added Anand.

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WHY MF DATA SHOWS RISKY INVESTOR BEHAVIOUR

THERE is a lot of money flowing into small and mid-cap mutual funds. Of the total net inflows, a sizeable chunk of the money has reached sectoral, mid-cap, and small-cap funds. The latest monthly inflow data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India shows that the risk appetite of individual investors is rising as more money flows into funds with a mandate to invest in specific sectors or small-cap funds. These inflows powered a 35-40% rally in small and mid-cap shares in India in 2023 so far. That is reflected in the performance of the stock indices that track these shares. Indian large-cap shares have only increased by 8-10% in 2023.

The surge in fund flows in July and August 2023 means mutual funds are sitting on a cash pile still waiting to be deployed in mid-cap and small-cap funds. Fund managers would wait for prices to correct before putting more money in these stocks.

If you are keen on benefiting from the surge in small and mid-cap companies, you should ensure that you have assessed your risk profile before investing. A professional financial advisor can help you assess your ability to withstand risks. Looking at the price movements in small-cap and mid-cap company shares compared to large-cap shares, you will find that volatility surges in small and mid-cap shares.

Prices fluctuate rapidly if global markets move in a bearish phase. Fund managers tend to sell risky assets first. However, funds that are only designated as small-cap and mid-cap funds stay put. They have no option but to stay invested or buy more. The other option is they could hold higher cash when share prices fall. That could affect the performance of these shares.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

You cannot do any short-term trading in mutual funds. These are vehicles created for long-term investing. Equity mutual funds are supposed to help you create wealth for your sunset years. They are meant to provide you with resources when you retire or are looking to fund the professional education of your child. Your money must stay invested for as long as possible in equity funds.

There is a lot of talk about the rising monthly contribution of systematic investment plans or SIPs to the total mutual fund assets under management. Each month, a new record is set in terms of net inflows. As of August 2023, Rs 15,814 crore was the highest monthly net inflow in SIPs. A growing number of investors are stopping their systematic investment plans or SIPs, according to the AMFI data. The percentage of SIPs discontinued to the total new subscriptions registered has increased sharply.

A lot of data proves that the longer you hold your investment in equity assets, the better the return on investment gets. The probability of you making a loss diminishes. The AMFI data reveals that barely 12% of investors stay in equity mutual funds beyond five years. That is a staggering failure for those looking to project mutual funds as a long-term savings vehicle. The amount of money the mutual fund industry spends on awareness campaigns deserves attention. These campaigns have to prioritise the long-term use of mutual funds.

Another bizarre industry practice is actively promoting the diversified equity funds that generate the 'alpha' or outperformance over the benchmark indices. In a fast-growing economy like India, there is a lot of scope to generate that outperformance. However, for those who are not familiar with the world of finance or investing, 'alpha' does not matter. They need a steady avenue like an index fund or an index-based exchange-traded fund to generate a return that beats inflation.

As an investor, you need to figure out where you stand regarding risk-taking capability. If you are looking for steady capital growth to meet your long-term financial goals, equity assets can be advantageous over 15-20 years. Mutual funds are the right vehicle, but you must stay put and not pull that money out.

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DON'T LET THE DIN AFFECT FOCUS

EARLY general elections, change of the country's name, G20 summit, FII inflows and outflows, is the equity market overheated are some of the topics currently ruling the media waves. The din and decibel level keeps getting higher and sharper with every passing day.

As a kid, I was fascinated by a story my mother narrated to me from the Mahabharata. It featured Dronacharya, the teacher, Arjuna, the student and the eye of a wooden bird, which was the target. It offers an invaluable lesson on the importance of staying focused and keeping surrounding visuals redundant and noise out of one's line of thought and vision.

This lesson is of great utility to investors in India, and even more so at this point of time when there is an overdose of social media views rather than news continuously flung at one by even the so called 'real' media.

As one interested in behavioural studies of investors and how it impacts their investment decision-making, I have observed a particularly unique phenomenon of extreme bias in investor behaviour over the last several years. The plethora of views and seemingly never ending din among those that support and oppose the ruling party has been mind-boggling.

During this period, I have witnessed otherwise savvy investors from among those that oppose the ruling dispensation miss out on good investment opportunities and returns, simply because of their belief that nothing good can happen during the tenure of this government.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

At the other end of the spectrum, even when the equity market periodically sails into unjustifiable valuation levels, those that support the ruling dispensation refuse to acknowledge that abnormal stock price run-ups are detrimental to the overall health of the market and not necessarily a reflection of the capability of the government.

That political beliefs of both the sides clouded their reading of the market scenario may have been evident to those watching the spectacle from outside, but in the case of such investors, their hearts and minds were filled with the one-sided propaganda being fed to them by their preferred sources of information. What is most astounding is that amidst this tunnel-vision like approach that dissects every announcement, major or minor of the government, it ends with a round of cheers or ridicule depending on the side of the divide the investor is on.

Clearly, there are multiple global factors like the semi-permanent US-China stand-off and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war that are as if not more potent than the domestic concerns like inflation and border tensions with China which have ensured that the markets remain volatile. In such scenarios, one cannot altogether stop investing but instead, just stay mindful of the risks and position one's portfolio to factor in both, a positive and negative outcome. Simply put - Ignore the din, don't let it cloud your investment decision making process. Like Arjuna did, the trick lies in keeping your eye focused on the target.

Markets at record high but foreign investors giving rally a miss

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

WHILE the Indian equity market has been going up again since the start of September after a brief hiatus in August and hit record high levels this past week, the foreign institutional investors, a major force in the local market, are seen giving this rally a miss.

According to market experts, worries about an impending interest rate hike in the United States and its impact on the global economy have made investors more cautious about investing money in a market which at present is commanding an expensive valuation.

FIIs were pumping money into Indian equities between March and August this year and brought in ₹ 1.74 lakh crore during the period. However, so far this month, when the benchmark indexes - BSE Sensex and

NSE Nifty50- have risen by about 4.5% each, FIIs have pulled out a net of about ₹4,800 crore and there are chances that they might sell more in the coming days. As per NSDL data, this month till September 15, FIIs sold ₹ 4,768 crore worth of equities. This figure includes bulk deals and investments through the primary market. In the cash market, FII selling was ₹9,579 crore. "Since the market is at record highs and valuations are high, FIIs are likely to press sales in the coming days. With high bond yields in the US (the 10-year is at 4.28%) and the dollar index above 105, FIIs are likely to sell more," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services.

He added that even though the FIIs have been sellers in the cash market it didn't impact the market at all since it was neutralised by DII buying of ₹8,309 crore through September 15. The benchmarks- Sensex and Nifty- gained about 1.5% each last week with Nifty closing a record high of 20,192.35 and settling at a record close of 67,838.63 on Friday. The mid-cap and small-cap saw profit booking this past week. FIIs are a very important component of the Indian market as their holdings over the last 20 years have increased significantly.

INSOLVENCY

NCLAT says IBC not a recovery mechanism

PTI @ New Delhi

THE Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code is "not a recovery mechanism", observed the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, while dismissing a plea against United Telecoms filed by one of its operational creditors.

This is the second such observation from the Chennai bench of the insolvency appellate tribunal this month, after declining to entertain the petition from operational creditors. While rejecting a plea against The appellate tribunal upheld the order by the Bengaluru bench of the NCLT, which had dismissed the plea moved by an operational creditor claiming a default of ₹8.46 crore against United Telecoms Ltd, which is an ICT and social infrastructure company.

Both India and UK are looking at ambitious trade deals: Govt official

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

BOTH India and the UK are not in a hurry to complete the free trade talks as both the countries are bargaining hard to ensure each gets the best deal, sources in the government said.

"In UK FTA (free trade agreement), both the countries are looking at an ambitious deal, which is beneficial to both the countries and we are not binding ourselves to any timelines as such," says a government source who is closely associated with the trade talks.

"What we are saying is that the deal should be fruitful to both the countries and good for the stakeholders of both the countries," he added.

According to the sources, the progress in talks is good, and both the countries had a very high-level meeting on the sidelines of Jaipur trade and investment ministers meeting.

Both the governments are trying to close some prickly issues early. These issues include rules of origin, bilateral investment treaty and business mobility.

The Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) talks are being led by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, separately, and it is expected that the BIT talks will be closed along with the FTA negotiations.

Business mobility is an issue concerning visa liberalisation, and the issue has been a major bone of contention between the two countries during their FTA talks. UK Business and Trade Secretary Kemi Badenoch last month had said that visas and visa liberalisation don't come within free trade agreement, but business mobility comes into the trade framework. She had said that both the countries are actively talking on business mobility and Bilateral Investment Treaty.

"Towards the end of the deal, it is the difficult issues which have to be closed," said a government source.

The UK-India FTA negotiations began in January 2022, and they cover 26 policy areas/chapters. So far, 12 rounds of talks have been completed and 19 chapters have been closed.

F1: Sainz wins Singapore GP to end Max streak

Carlos Sainz led from start to finish to win a thrilling Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday after a charging George Russell crashed his Mercedes from third place on the final lap. Lando Norris was second in a McLaren with Lewis Hamilton crossing the line in third. Championship leader Max Verstappen was fifth as Red Bull failed to win a race for the first time this season.

Pacer makes ball talk to set up Sri Lanka collapse; Men in Blue lift Asia Cup for the record eighth time

SIRAJ IN FULL SWING

Mohammed Siraj (R) celebrates after getting rid of Sri Lanka's Charith Asalanka (not in pic) on Sunday | AP

FIROZ MIRZA
Express @ Asia Cup
COLOMBO

TWICE in January this year, India pacer Mohammed Siraj got close to his maiden five-wicket haul in one-day internationals but fell short on both the occasions.

Against Sri Lanka in Thiruvananthapuram, he claimed 4/32 to bowl out opponents for 73 as India registered a massive 317-run victory, the biggest in the ODI history till date. He almost had the fifth wicket as Kasun Rajitha was given out LBW by the umpire. Rajitha, however, reviewed it and got the decision overturned as he had inside-edged it.

Three days later on January 18, he bagged 4/46 against New Zealand but again the magic figures remained elusive. On Sunday, he not only completing his maiden five-wicket haul against Sri Lanka in the 2023 Asia Cup final but also helped India to their first trophy from a multi-team tournament since the 2018 continental event. "Last time against Sri Lanka I took four early wickets but couldn't get five. I realised you get whatever is in your fate. Today, I was destined to get this. I didn't get much swing in the earlier matches but today that I got swing, I wanted to make the batters play. It is extremely satisfying that I got wickets with outswingers because generally I get wickets off the wobble-seam delivery," Siraj said during the post-match presentation. The year 2023 has been wonderful for the right-arm pacer from Hyderabad so far. Given the way he has been bowling this year especially in the 50-over format, the milestone seemed to be in the offing almost every time he bowled for the Men in Blue. He might have regretted the missed chances at times but little did he know that when it would come, it would help India end their trophy drought of five years in the multi-team tournaments.

The stage was set and a vociferous crowd was behind the local favourites Sri Lanka here at the R Premadasa Stadium. Familiar foes India were standing between them and the seventh Asia Cup (sixth in the ODI format). Had they won it, they would have also equalled India's feat of most titles in the Asia Cup. The coin flipped their way as captain Dasun Shanaka opted to bat. But that turned out to be the last good thing to happen to them because what transpired since then left them stunned and gutted. Rain delayed the start but when the match started 40 minutes later from the scheduled time, it all got over in 15.2 overs for Sri Lanka. It all started with pacer Jasprit Bumrah sending back Kusal Perera off the third delivery of Sri Lanka's innings. Perera looked to drive a length ball but the away movement meant he could only get an outside edge which was safely taken by wicketkeeper KL Rahul. They never recovered from it as Siraj picked four wickets in the fourth over, his second to push the co-hosts to the wall. First ball of his second over, Siraj had Pathum Nissanka to begin Sri Lanka's slide. He bowled a length ball just outside off. Nissanka opened the face of the bat pushing it towards the point where Ravindra Jadeja took a stunner. Sadeera Samarawickrama was the next batter to go two balls later as he got trapped in front of the wickets. He reviewed it but to no avail.

Charith Asalanka, Sri Lanka's hero against Pakistan in their virtual semifinal the other day, fell the first ball to add to the woes of the home team. The 29-year-old pacer missed the hat-trick but got Dhananjaya de Silva caught behind to reduce Sri Lanka to 12/5 after four overs. He then got rid of Sri Lanka skipper next over to complete the five-wicket haul and added Kusal Mendis' wicket to his tally in the 12th over.

Sri Lanka seems to be Siraj's favourite opponent as he has been most successful against the Island Nation so far. They are the only team against whom he has taken wickets in double-digit (16 wickets from five matches). His next best figures against a particular opponent are nine wickets from six matches against West Indies. India vice-captain Hardik Pandya then claimed three wickets in quick succession to bowl out Sri Lanka for 50, their second lowest total in ODI history. A well-directed bouncer left Dunith Wellalage surprised as the ball kissed his gloves and popped up in the air for a simple catch for Rahul. Pramod Madushan was Hardik's next victim as the tail-ender attempted a drive but got a thick edge which went straight to Virat Kohli at first slip. Matheesha Pathirana was the last wicket to fall as a short of length delivery outside the off stump and the Sri Lankan batter hit it straight to the point fielder.

India openers Ishan Kishan and Shubman Gill chased down the target in 6.1 overs. Kishan hit unbeaten 23 while Gill was not out on 27. The win gave India their eighth Asia Cup title, seventh in the ODI format.

Over and out

Placed at 8/1, Sri Lanka were reduced to 12/5 in a span of six deliveries from Mohammed Siraj. How the fourth over of the innings unfolded...

3.1 Having watched Siraj toy with Kusal Mendis from the other end – six outswingers and a maiden – Pathum Nissanka went on a counter straightaway driving a length delivery with an open face towards point only for Ravindra Jadeja to complete a diving catch.

3.2 Another length ball and this time Sadeera Samarawickrama leaves it alone outside the off-stump.

3.3 Similar length, but this time Siraj brings it back to hit Sadeera on the pads. Given out immediately. The Sri Lankan reviews as the ball hit him on the knee roll, but ball the is tracked to hit the top of leg. Sri Lanka are three down.

3.4 The match-winner from virtual semifinal, Charith Asalanka, tries to pick up from where he left. Full and across the left-hander and Asalanka tries to drive it on the rise, only to hand an easy catch to Ishan Kishan at covers. Siraj is on a hat-trick.

3.5 Dhananjaya de Silva gets one on the stumps and he pushes through the mid-on region to the ropes even as high-on-adrenaline Siraj tries to chase it, without success.

3.6 Five balls, four runs, three wickets. Siraj makes it four as he gets the length right in the channel of uncertainty and De Silva nicks it to KL Rahul, who does the rest behind stumps. Siraj has four, Sri Lanka lose half their side in the first 24 balls of the innings.

BRIEF SCORES

Sri Lanka 50 in 15.2 ovs (Mendis 17; Siraj 6/21, Pandya 3/3) **lost to** India 51 for no loss in 6.1 ovs (Gill 27 n.o, Kishan 23 n.o).

Antim & Co set to grapple against odds in Hangzhou

FIROZ MIRZA @Colombo

WRESTLING has been one of the most productive sports for India at the Asian Games. A 18-member team will be representing the country in Hangzhou, China. While the squad comprises of proven winners but the performance in comparison to last edition (2018) might see a dip. India had won two gold (Bajrang Punia 65kg and Vinesh Phogat 50kg) and one bronze (Divya Kakran 68kg) then.

The protest, led by Bajrang and Vinesh against the WFI and its sidelined president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, could take a toll on India's campaign. Bajrang will look to defend his gold when he competes in the 65kg weight category while Antim Panghal, the two time U-20 World Championships medallist, will try to make her debut memorable at the Asiad in 53kg. Similarly, Asian champion Aman Sehrawat (57kg) and Tokyo Olympian Deepak Punia (86kg) will also be in action at the event. "Our freestyle wrestlers are good and can secure medals. Aman is the best bet while Bajrang and Sumit Malik (125kg) can also finish on the podium. In women's wrestling, Antim and Mansi Ahlawat (57) are good. Sunil Kumar can win a medal in Greco-Roman," Kripashankar Patel, former national women's team coach, said. Patel, however, said the controversy that surrounded the sport since the beginning of the year will take its toll. "It will affect our wrestlers' show in Hangzhou. The wrestlers hardly got exposure tours. There were literally no organised training programmes as national camps were not held properly. This all makes it difficult for our wrestlers to win gold. Antim can do it if she manages to see off the Japanese wrestler in her weight category," added Patel.

Bajrang Punia

Former coach Mahabir Prasad also echoed the sentiments and backed the women wrestlers. "Quite a few women wrestlers like Antim, Mansi and Pooja Gehlot (50kg) can win the medals, Bajrang can also add to his medal tally but for me Aman is the best contender for gold. In Greco-Roman, Sunil can finish with a medal."

Squad: **Women's freestyle:** Pooja Gehlot (50kg), Antim Panghal (53kg), Mansi Ahlawat (57kg), Sonam Malik (62kg), Radhika (68kg), Kiran (76kg). Greco-Roman: Gyanender (60kg), Neeraj (67kg), Vikas (77kg), Sunil Kumar (87kg), Narinder Cheema (97kg), Naveen (130kg). **Men's freestyle:** Aman Sehrawat (57kg), Bajrang Punia (65kg), Yash (74kg) Deepak Punia (86kg), Vicky (97kg), Sumit (125kg)

Venue: Linan Sports Culture and Exhibition Centre in Hangzhou

Date: October 4 to 7

October 4: Greco-Roman 60kg, 67kg, 77kg, 87kg; **October 5:** Greco Roman 97kg, 130kg. Women's Wrestling 50kg, 53kg, 57kg; **October 6:** Women's Wrestling 62kg, 68kg, 76kg; Freestyle 57kg, 65kg; **October 7:** Men's Freestyle 74kg, 86kg, 97kg, 125kg

THE ONES TO KEEP AN EYE ON

Men: **Aman Sehrawat (57kg):** Aman has made steady progress in the last two years. The hard-working trainee at the Chhatrasal stadium has underlined his growth by winning the U23 World and Asian Championships last year, and now he is making his presence felt on the senior circuit as well. He won the Asian Championship this year. Competing in Olympic medallist Ravi Dahiya's category, Aman has emerged as a serious contender to challenge his superior and fancied opponent, Dahiya.

Women: **Antim Panghal (57kg):** If not gold, Antim Panghal will be in contention for at least a podium finish in her category. The wrestler from Hisar effortlessly won the recent trials for the Games and the Worlds. She recently became the country's first woman wrestler to win back-to-back junior world titles. She is sound both technically and mentally.

Antim Panghal

Football coach rues selection mess

NEW DELHI: India football team head coach Igor Stimac, on Sunday, lashed out at the ISL organisers Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL) and clubs for not releasing players for the Asiad as the national federation was forced to stitch a side at the last moment. While Stimac did not take names while addressing a press conference ahead of team departure but dropped enough hints about who all scuppered his and AIFF's plan to field a strong squad, comprising players from current senior national side. "If I knew that certain elements will stop us from going with the best possible team, I would have rather picked all the players from the I-League and request to train with them for two months and prepare with them for the Asian Games," Stimac said during a media interaction. "It would not have been much different," he added, making clear what he thinks about the third-string players that ISL clubs have released. Stimac informed that the team will play its first match on Tuesday against China without a single session.

Team departs without two players

There were reports that defenders Konsam Chinglensana Singh and Lalchungnunga did not accompany the team that left the country on Sunday as their visa was not ready but a top IOA official said the duo will get their travel documents in a day or two. ***Agencies***

Makeshift lockers near stadium ahead of final

FIROZ MIRZA @Colombo

KHETTARAMA Temple Road leading to R Premadasa Stadium was abuzz with activities since morning on Sunday. Entry of vehicles was banned as the stadium was scheduled to host the final between co-hosts Sri Lanka and India. With the match being sold out, the Sri Lanka Cricket advised ticket holders to arrive early to ensure hassle free entry. "Ticket holders are advised to arrive early in order to avoid congestion. The gates at RPICS, Colombo, will be opened at 12 pm today for the public with tickets to enter the ground," said a SLC statement.

A huge posse of police was deployed in and around the stadium to maintain law and order. As spectators were rushing towards the venues, locals were urging them to deposit their belongings like helmets, bags, water bottles or even the beer cans with them as those items are not allowed inside the stadium.

After all, the full house, probably for the first time during the continental tournament, has also given an opportunity to those residing in the vicinity to earn some quick bucks. "I have rented out this shop but today it is closed because of the match. So we decided to open it and turn it into a makeshift locker to keep people's belongings safely," Mohammad Ishaque told this daily. Most of the people were depositing their helmets and water bottles at Ishaque's shop. "We charge 100 LKR for each item. We couldn't do it in the past as previous matches were not sold out but today is the final between Sri Lanka and India, so we are expecting a good additional income today," he said.

Another shopkeeper, who runs a restaurant in the locality, set up a small stall outside his permanent shop. He was selling water bottles, cold drinks and biryani packets. "This stall is only for today (Sunday) as it is crowded due to the match. We sell biryani on normal days and earn up to 20,000 LKR per day. Today, I think our income can be around 30,000 LKR," said Mohammad Insaaf. He also confirmed that they are also depositing personal belongings of the spectators. "We give them a token after depositing their belongings. Once they return, they have to show those tokens to get back their items," he added.

Empty stands in the previous matches made the original hosts, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), to reduce the prices for Super Four matches and the final. The reduced prices coupled with Sri Lanka's entry into the final meant A, B, C and D stands — both upper and lower — were sold out like hot cakes.

EXPRESS READ

England drop Roy, pick Brook for ODI WC

LONDON: Harry Brook has been selected for England's Cricket World Cup squad after Jason Roy was dropped to make way for the dynamic young batsman. Roy was included in England's provisional 15-man squad, but the selectors made a last-minute switch by naming Brook instead for the tournament in India. Roy missed the recent one-day internationals against New Zealand because of back spasms.

Wrestler Abhimanyu in hunt for bronze medal

BELGRADE: Abhimanyu entered the bronze-medal playoff but other Indian freestyle wrestlers had a disappointing day at the World Championships here on Sunday. Abhimanyu entered the 70kg medal round through the repechage route. He will face Armenian Arman Andreasyan. Pruthviraj Patil (92kg), who had secured two wins, lost to Georgian wrestler Miriani Maisuradze in the quarterfinals.

Junior chess players facing visa hurdle

CHENNAI: A cloud of uncertainty looms over India's participation at the FIDE World Junior Chess Championship with some of the players yet to get their visas to travel to Mexico city for the prestigious tournament beginning on Wednesday. According to reports, the players are scheduled to leave for the Mexican capital on Monday, and the delay has resulted in uncertainty regarding their participation.

Neeraj finishes 2nd in Eugene

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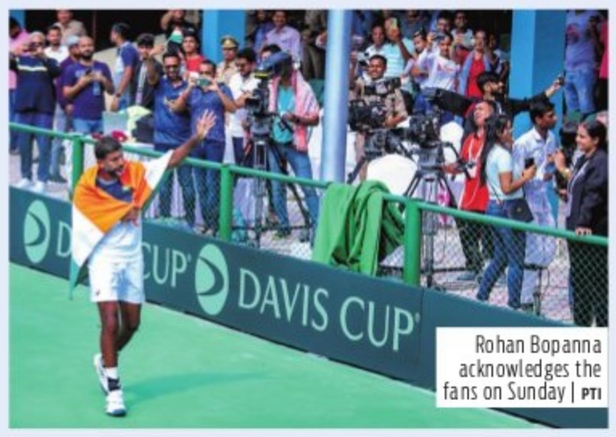
TOKYO Olympic gold medallist and world champion Neeraj Chopra finished second in the Diamond League final at Eugene, Oregon with an 83.8m throw late on Saturday night behind Jakub Vadlejch's 84.24m attempt. Chopra, who was looking to defend his title, started with a no mark before scaling 83.8m in his second attempt. However, despite trying, he and the other throwers were not able to surpass Vadlejch's 84.24m, which the Czech registered in his first throw itself. It was Chopra's first below-85m throw of the season. Oliver Helander of Finland took the third spot with a best throw of 83.74m.

Chopra's next stop will be the Asian Games. "In big competition, it's about mindset, we don't need to prepare ourselves. When we enter into the stadium, our mind is ready and body will be ready for the competition," Neeraj said.



Rohan Bopanna acknowledges the fans on Sunday | PTI

Bopanna ends Davis Cup career on a high, India win 3-1 against Morocco

LUCKNOW: Rohan Bopanna brought the curtains down on his Davis Cup career with a comfortable straight set win alongside Yuki Bhambri before Sumit Nagal won his reverse singles as India sealed the World Group II tie against Morocco 3-1, here Sunday. The 43-year-old Bopanna, coming out to play his 33rd and final tie, and Bhambri raced to a 6-2, 6-1 win over Elliot Benchetrit and Younes Lalami Laaroussi in one hour and 11 minutes at the Mini Stadium. India's number one singles player Sumit Nagal outgunned Yassine Dlimi 6-3, 6-3 in the first reverse singles to seal the home tie. Rookie Digvijay Pratap Singh will make his debut in the inconsequential fifth rubber.

FOOTBALL

Summer signings Felix & Cancelo inspire Barcelona

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NEW arrivals Joao Felix and Joao Cancelo struck their first goals for Barcelona in an impressive 5-0 rout of Real Betis on Saturday in La Liga.

Earlier Atletico Madrid were hammered 3-0 by Valencia at Mestalla with coach Diego Simeone labelling it the "weakest" performance during his time at the club.

Barcelona's five-star display was inspired by Felix, who netted the opener, with further goals from Robert Lewandowski, Ferran Torres and Raphinha and Cancelo.

Barcelona's Joao Felix (14) celebrates his goal with Joao Cancelo (2) | AP

Barcelona played with a vibrancy they lacked at times last season, even as they lifted La Liga, warming up for their Champions League opener on Tuesday against Royal Antwerp. Xavi handed Felix and compatriot Cancelo their first starts for the club and they quickly impressed home fans and their coach.

Arsenal win, Chelsea held

LIVERPOOL: Arsenal finally ended their six-year wait for a Premier League victory at Everton as Leandro Trossard fired the title-chasing Gunners to a 1-0 success on Sunday.

Mikel Arteta's side had to work hard for their first win at Goodison Park since 2017, with Trossard settling a scrappy encounter midway through the second half. Meanwhile, Chelsea had to settle for a 0-0 draw against Bournemouth.

LESS IS MORE
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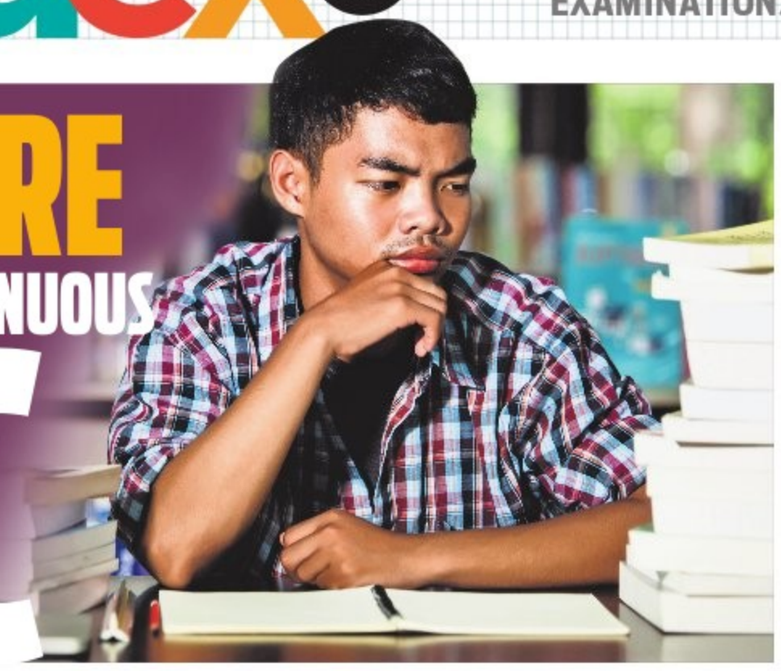

This is the mantra for multitudes of aspirants who burn the midnight oil to prepare for this examination, considered to be the toughest to crack by many. **Lovely Majumdar** explores this tried and tested strategy with the help of experts

The Union Public Service Commission Civil Services Examination (UPSC CSE) Prelims for 2023 was held on May 28. The Mains commenced on September 15 and will continue till September 24. The intensity of the exam remains unmatched by any other government exam. Reason? A respectable profession with a chance to initiate a change within the various strata of society and to be closely associated with the Government of India.

But with an overwhelming amount of information available, what should aspirants be mindful of? To understand the scenario, *EdexLive* spoke to faculty from coaching classes and experts.

A key fact that has been pointed out unanimously by the experts is how easily the target is achievable if the focus is on 'Quality over Quantity'.

What is 'Less is More'?

When experts iterate the particular phrase, it may not connote the amount of information one can retain but a significant in-depth understanding of the study material as prescribed by the examination board.

Selecting Sources?

Experts say one should always stick to their preparatory lessons while staying abreast of current affairs. An expert from the Chinmaya IAS Academy, Chennai, says that following standardised books released by NCERT, digitally available publications such as New India Samachar, Vigyan Prasar, Press Information Bureau and Yojana, helps

Streamlined Approach

A clear approach to one's preparation is a must, opine the experts. The expert at Veranda IAS says that a streamlined approach prevents information overload, enhances retention, and improves the quality of the answers. Not only this, Shailja (UPSC CSE 2021 - AIR 83) thinks that such an approach would help a candidate avoid anxiety

Remember, Remember

Acceptance is what a tenacious aspirant must always remember, share the experts. One must choose to appear for the exam only if they think they are ready for a gruelling time that would expect one to harness their strengths and focus on their weaknesses too, with a composed mind that is ready to take the plunge with unwavering determination

Chief mentor of Veranda IAS, U Sagayam (IAS), says that there can be potential drawbacks to accumulating huge amounts of materials. "It is a time-consuming process; it can waste a student's valuable study time. It can lead to conflicting information and confusion, and can hinder students from effective learning and retention"

right way

Shailja, AIR 83, UPSC CSE 2021, shares the importance of revision and how it can only be possible with a condensed syllabus. "If one cannot retain all that one has studied in the last one year or so, it all becomes redundant. The application of knowledge is to be focused on along with its accumulation." But what if an aspirant feels confident enough to retain all the information? Alok Ranjan, a former bureaucrat who has authored the book, *Making a Difference: IAS as a Career*, discourages such thinking, says that for the ones preparing, conceptual clarity is a must, and developing analytical knowledge as to what should be retained and what should be discarded, is quite essential.

Are you missing out on info?

In the due process of the preparation, what if the students get the passing feeling that they are missing out on pertinent information? Shailja replies that the "fear of missing out" is often a feeling that students preparing for the exam go through, but she adds that this is the reason that might give birth to further complexities, "There will always be instances where one might come across a few unexpected questions, yet an abundance of source of information is not equivalent to success," she adds.

Sumit Rewri, CEO of PhysicsWallah - OnlyIAS says that if one feels that limiting the material can hinder the performance, they can easily opt for mock and practice tests to verify what they might need to know more about a particular subject or topic.

UPSC Coaching Nay or Yay?

An exam that needs months of preparation, and dedicated hours — should it be braved alone or assistance might not be such a bad idea? Let us hear from the people with their own set of experiences, what they have to say about coaching and what has been the output of the culture

WHEN it comes to preparing for the Union Public Service Commission Civil Services Examination (UPSC CSE) aspirants mostly prefer assistance from coaching institutes that are well-established and have records that can exhibit scores of students ranking mighty high. But given the recent atmosphere brewing in these coaching centres operating nationally for different competitive examinations, it is worth questioning if these institutions of learning are ultimately providing the right direction to students?

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Reliance on coaching culture

The inclination towards these coaching centres for easy accessibility to preparation materials, top-class teachers and a competitive environment are some of the few elements that students look for before appearing for UPSC, but the increase in dependability on these coaching institutes as more time passes by could be a matter of concern.

MG Devasahayam, a retired army Major and a bureaucrat belonging to the 1968 Haryana Cadre, says that there is now a cent per cent reliance on these coaching institutes, which is further crippling the candidates rather than making them intellectually capable to understand the system of governance and leadership.

Although he says that as the syllabus covered for the UPSC exam is not taught at schools, universities or colleges, candidates may need to acquire vital information through other sources and for that, assistance can be sought.

A former UPSC aspirant, Medha Rikhi, says that ease in affordability has made access to coaching easier now. "Most of the institutions are well-established businesses that can readily capitalise on people's emotions," says Rikhi, but in reality, a student finds themselves in a class with 500-600 other students with a similar goal.

But when it comes to delivering the promises made, with time, is the success ratio increasing with the higher enrolment of students? Talib Khan, from Khan Study Group (KSG), says that coaching institutes have surprisingly contributed a lot to improving the performance of the students, when a balance is achieved. He says that coaching centres have faced a lot of criticism given the recent incidents taking place at Kota. Hence, he also advocates for the mental health of students which is of paramount importance.

Bracing for pressure

When it comes to the UPSC exam, do coaching centres act as a stimulant or eventually, create a hurdle between the aspirants and their dreams?

Medha shares that although candidates may feel like they are lost in the middle of an ocean, there is a constant flow of energy that one can sense when they meet other aspirants which further helps them in disciplining themselves. She adds that there are teachers who usually don't induce pressure on students.

The KSG mentor is of the notion that self-study offers a valuable foundation, helps adopt critical thinking and renders the aspirant to independently form opinions. He adds, "Coaching indefinitely offers a structured path forward but students should be mindful of the balance, as too much of a guidance can limit one's originality and might also result in inefficiency."

He emphasises on the awareness that coaching institutes must have in order to adapt a more student-friendly environment.

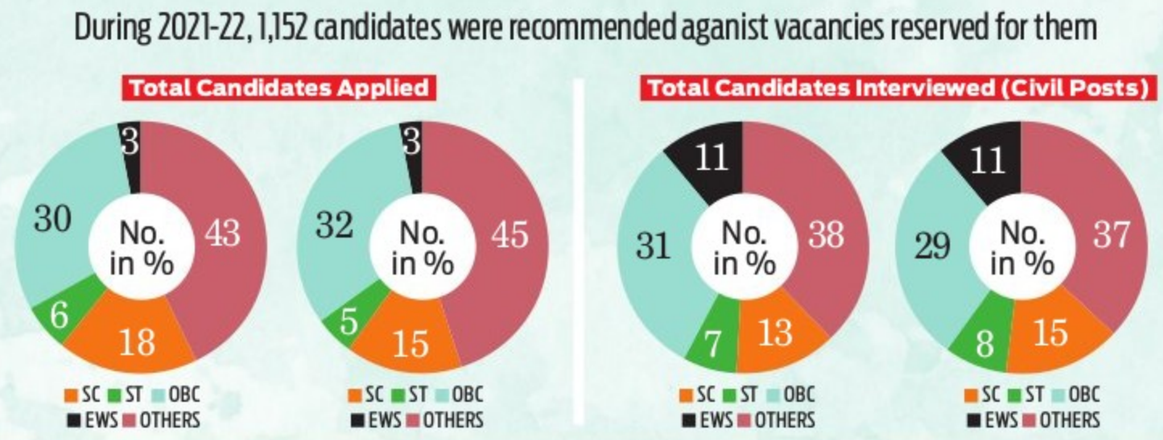
Talib Khan, Khan Study Group (KSG) | **Medha Rikhi,** Former UPSC aspirant | **MG Devasahayam,** Former IAS officer

Representation in UPSC
What did it look like last year?

Here is a category-wise breakdown of the number of UPSC aspirants who applied and were interviewed in 2021-22

India is a diverse country, with people of many communities and castes living together. To serve them to the best of its capabilities, the United Public Service Commission (UPSC), like all public institutions, has different categories to ensure that all communities are represented well

During 2021-22, 1,152 candidates were recommended aganist vacancies reserved for them



Dream careers to diverse realities: UPSC aspirants' career stories

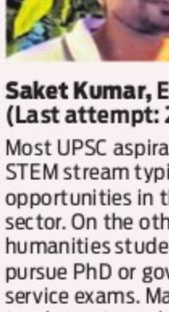
For many aspiring civil servants in India, the path to the coveted Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy Of Administration through UPSC is a challenging gamble. As success is never guaranteed, it's essential for aspirants to consider backup plans. In this context, we explore the stories of individuals who, while pursuing UPSC, strategically prepared for diverse career options

Saket Kumar, Engineer (Last attempt: 2020)

Most UPSC aspirants from the STEM stream typically find opportunities in the private sector. On the other hand, humanities students often pursue PhD or government service exams. Many become teachers at coaching institutes, earning between ₹2 to ₹5 lakh per month. I have an engineering background, so my fallback option is the corporate sector. However, I also dream of starting my own UPSC coaching institute

Gaurav Thakur, Phd from Delhi University (Last attempt: 2021)

Personally, I wanted to have a backup plan and couldn't solely rely on the UPSC gamble. After completing my MSc in Biotech from Banaras Hindu University, I obtained the National Eligibility Test-Junior Research Fellowship. While pursuing my PhD at DU, I was preparing for UPSC. Even though I didn't succeed at UPSC, I have my PhD and can explore opportunities in academia or research



Rubal Bansal, PhD scholar and policy making analyst (Last attempt: 2020)

My UPSC journey began in 2017. Before that, I was with the Confederation of Indian Industry. In 2019, I enrolled for PhD while pursuing UPSC and last year I took up an offer from National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development plus, I completed a course from Indian School of Public Police. I plan to work with organisations like the United Nations. My job experience before undertaking the UPSC journey helped me. I firmly believe that skills acquired during the UPSC journey are never wasted

The officers in charge and those who had successful careers working in Civil Services share their thoughts

Words of wisdom

Preparing for UPSC requires a lot of hard work, effort and determination. But learning from the learned can always ease one's job. Therefore, to make our readers/upcoming aspirants feel inspired and motivated, we spoke to current and former officers to understand what their journey was like. From who inspired them to join the services, and challenges they faced during their journey to sharing valuable tips, they share vital tidbits from their journey

My father took this call to initially push me towards this path even before I was conscious of it. And now, If I were to be born again, I would choose to be an IAS officer. The most satisfying and unforgettable challenge I worked on was Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), a health insurance scheme that is now called Ayushman Bharat

— Anil Swarup, Former IAS and former Secretary to govt

TIP: Put your heart and soul into preparation. Enjoy the moments you are going through now, don't worry about qualifying. Once you qualify, there is so much more to do

As an officer on my first day, I shot a langur (monkey) with a tranquilliser after women complained about the menace it was creating. I could have left the matter and said that it was not my job, but a small decision changed the whole perspective. Throughout my journey, the challenges I faced included communal issues, Dalit agitation in Maharashtra and terrorism in Mumbai

— JD Lakshmi Narayana, Former IPS

TIP: Constitution and law is supreme. I suggest officers should remove the barriers between them and people. They should be among the people to understand them

My inspiration to work towards UPSC has always come from the life of my father Sarada Prasad Panda who works in the Odisha Administrative Service and his senior Principal Secretary, IAS Mathivathan. I am now undergoing training at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Uttarakhand

— Kasturi Panda, AIR 67, UPSC CSE 2022, Odisha

TIP: Most resources are available on the internet. In fact, there is more information out there than necessary. Filter out what not to study first. Also, stay hopeful

सत्यमेव जयते

In my experience of 2.5 years, the love and affection I received from the people of Kothagudem for solving their land disputes and constructing roads was touching. Also, I received the Swachh Bharat Award 2022. The night before my first day as an officer, I had no sleep. But once I joined, I understood the protocol and there was no looking back

— Anudeep Durishetty, IAS, Hyderabad Collector

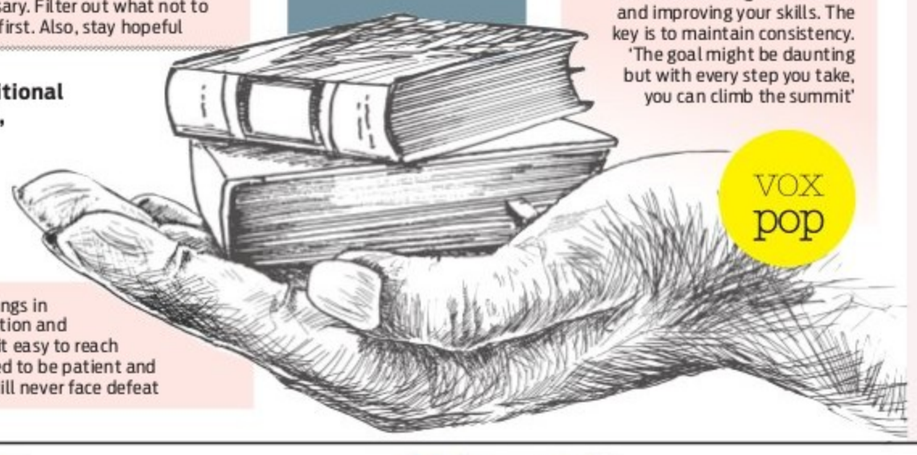
TIP: One need not worry about changing the system now. Focus on understanding the nuances and improving your skills. The key is to maintain consistency. 'The goal might be daunting but with every step you take, you can climb the summit'

I come from a family of doctors. As the Additional Chief Secretary of Women and Child Development, Haryana, I helped many babies find families through adoption. It is beautiful to see new families being formed and it has helped me walk home with inexplicable satisfaction. I solved issues of villagers through initiatives like direct seeded rice, e-vouchers for procuring farm machinery, improvements in the distribution of fertilisers and more. Challenges are part of anything that's worthwhile; easy is not necessarily satisfying. Challenges are how you learn, about yourself and life, which helps you grow

Dr Sumita Misra, Additional Chief Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Haryana,

IAS:- 1990 Batch

TIP: Keep these three things in mind: dream, determination and dedication. This makes it easy to reach your goals. You just need to be patient and persistent. Then you will never face defeat



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Uri attack

On this day in 2016, an attack in Uri by terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed resulted in the deaths of many Indian soldiers

THE INCIDENT

In one of the deadliest attacks ever, 17 soldiers were killed and 24 others injured after four heavily-armed suicide attackers stormed into the Army's administrative base in Uri

ATTACKERS

The slain suicide attackers were all of foreign origin. A large number of weapons with Pakistani marking, including four AK 47 rifles, were recovered

RETALIATION

On September 28, 2016, the Indian Army mobilised nearly 100 of its specially trained operators to carry out attacks as a response to Uri attack

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Bengaluru has been home to many Ganesha temples with some of them having quirky beliefs attached to them. This Ganesh Chaturthi, here are some popular temples, suitable for every reason and season | **Monika Monalisa**

OH GOD!

DODDA GANAPATHI, BULL TEMPLE ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI,

THIS Ganapathi temple is an iconic one in the city. In the same premises as the Bull Temple, this one was built in 1971. Here stands the idol of Lord Ganesha, a monolithic statue which is approximately 18 ft in height and 16 ft in width. The temple, which sits in the middle of the sprawling trees of Bugle Rock Park, also holds the floral chariot procession on the day after Ganesh Chaturthi between 6.30pm to 11.30pm.

POWER GANESHA, JAYANAGAR 4TH BLOCK

This Ganesha temple in Jayanagar is considered to be the giver of power and wealth, a reason why many politicians frequent this place. It is also considered to be one of the wealthiest Ganeshas in the temple...and why not, this deity has a diamond armour and diamond kirita (headgear), which is used to decorate the idol on any festival day.

ACCIDENT / TRAFFIC GANESHA, KASTURBA ROAD

FINDING a queue of brand-new vehicles next to a temple on Kasturba Road is a regular sight for commuters. This Ganesha in the heart of central Bengaluru is believed to be the one warding off any accidents for cars and two-wheelers. It is believed that the idol, which is supposedly 600 years old, is where the city's founder Kempegowda visited to seek blessings before going hunting. It gained popularity in the '50s and '60s when Chamarajendra Wadiyar, the erstwhile Maharaja of Mysore would bring his new cars for a puja.

SRI 108 GANESHA TEMPLE, KUMARASWAMY LAYOUT II STAGE

THIS temple has 108 identical Ganesha idols, which makes this place special. The idols, which are made of black stone, are placed in a pyramidal shape. Situated in Kumaraswamy Layout within a small temple premises, this temple has a very underrated structural appeal with the floor having faded back-and-white checkered tiles.. But during festivals, the temple, which has an old-world charm, sees long queues of devotees.

SRI MAHAGANAPATHI TEMPLE, MALLESWARAM

One of the oldest temples in its neighbourhood, this Ganesha temple was built in 1920. It is said that Sri Giriyappa Gowda found the 1.5 ft. high stone idol of Ganapathi in a lake. What is amusing for many is devotees can follow this Ganesha on its Instagram handle by the same name as the temple.

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

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Flea market till Sept 24

A 10-day arts and crafts extravaganza at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath will be held till September 24. Called Bengaluru Arts & Crafts Exhibition, it was inaugurated by actor **Sindhu Loknath**, who said, "Artifacts created by talented artists from across India are on display here. This event offers a plethora of shopping options, especially for the Ganesha festival. From clothing to decorative items, there is a wide variety available. It is a visual delight to explore the diverse offerings."

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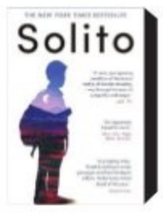
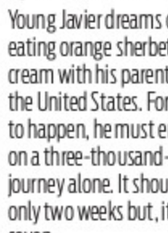


Solito
by Javier Zamora

Young Javier dreams of eating orange sherbet ice cream with his parents in the United States. For this to happen, he must embark on a three-thousand-mile journey alone. It should last only two weeks but, it takes seven.

Mama's Sleeping Scarf
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

It follows a young girl Chino as she plays with her mama's sleeping scarf through the day. Running with the scarf, Chino weaves together little incidentals of home life into a glorious celebration.



Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras
by Radhika Iyengar

It plunges into Banaras's historical past, while narrowing its lens to a few spirited characters from the Dom community. Through their tales of struggle and survival, loss and ambition, betrayal and love, it weaves a story.

Nineteen Steps
by Millie Bobby Brown

Despite the raging war, spirited 18-year-old Nellie Morris lives a quiet life in the tight-knit East End community of Bethnal Green. When a tragic accident occurs during an air raid, even the closest family can't escape the devastation of war. Nellie and those dearest to her are being threatened.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Sing your Heart Out

Get ready to unleash your inner superstar at this Karaoke party. The event promises an unforgettable evening of entertainment and unforgettable moments.

When: Sept 18, 9 am onwards
Where: Marcopolo Café Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

Exploring Human Behaviour

Dark People Stories from the South is a play that delves into the complexities of human relationships, exposing society's emphasis on status over bonds. It navigates the challenges of finding love amidst family pressure and adds a touch of humour to tackle sensitive topics.

When: Sept 20, 7.30 pm
Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
Details: bookmyshow.com

Palette of dreams

Step into a world where colours, shapes, and emotions converge to create fascinating works of art that will take you to many worlds and perspectives as you experience visual storytelling through art exhibitions.

When: September 18, 11 am
Where: Verde Canvas Art Gallery, Krishnarajapura
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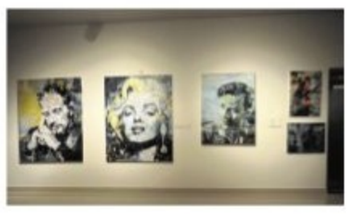

Laughing Out Loud

Get ready for an evening of non-stop laughter with some local comedians. Just pure jokes to tickle your funny bone. Kickstart your weekend with humour.

When: Sept 18, 8.30 pm **Where:** Wire Up Comedy Club, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

Jam session

Attend this music jam to experience grooving and jamming. This is the place to be if you love live music or are an experienced musician.

When: Sept 20, 7.30 pm **Where:** Lahe Lahe, Kodihalli
Details: bookmyshow.com

Ignite, share, connect

Indulge in a heartwarming evening of storytelling by the bonfire. Under the starry night sky, share and hear tales that kindle empathy and connection. It's more than an event, it's a community sharing the warmth of human experiences through stories.

When: Sept 19, 7 pm
Where: Smallworld, ST Bed, Koramangala
Details: bookmyshow.com

HARMONY IN MOVEMENT

Experience the world of movement and rhythm at this dance workshop. Explore the world of waves and grooves and let your creative side on an imaginary journey.

When: Sept 20, 7pm
Where: Shoonya, Centre of Art and Somatic Practices, Lal Bagh Main Road
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QUICK FIX

RUSSIAN SALAD

Contributed by **Uma Sridharan**, Chennai

INGREDIENTS

- **Paneer, cubed:** 50 g
- **Coriander leaves:** a handful
- **White pepper:** 1/4 tsp
- **Juice of a lemon (optional)**
- **Pineapple cubed:** a handful
- **Cubed and boiled vegetables (carrot, beans, potato, peas, corn):** 2 cups
- **Mayonnaise:** 1 cup
- **Salt:** to taste
- **Fresh cream:** 2 tbsp

METHOD

- In a wide bowl, combine all the ingredients.
- Refrigerate atleast one hour before serving.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

BANANASANA VARIATION
(BANANA POSE VARIATION)

This is a Yin Yoga Pose, which is done while in a supine position with the arms and legs moving sideways, in a deep stretch. This stretching action creates a shape that resembles the alphabet C, compressing one side of the chest and abdomen.

STEPS

- Lie down on the back with chest open, legs straight, arms clasped and stretched overhead. Take a few breaths to bring awareness to the body.
- Now, gently tilt the upper portion of your body with the hands clasped together and head between both your hands.
- Cross your left foot over your right ankle. Move them towards the same side as you have bent your upper body, not rolling your hips but, parallel to the ground.
- As you inhale, breathe into the side and back of your rib cage. Stay focused on the stretch and keep the body relaxed without using too much pressure at the lower back, the arms and the side muscles.
- Exhale, release and stretch the arms, flatten them on the mat, relax the spine and take the legs back to the starting position.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the muscles at the shoulders, arms, hamstrings, gluteus, calves, chest, core (abdomen), and lower back.
- The supine side stretch is beneficial for sportsmen.
- Aids in expansion of the diaphragm which permits sufficient air to reach to the lungs and thus improves breathing.
- Helps patients with inflammatory bowel disease, herniated disc or spondylitis.
- Helps in releasing the tension accumulated at the neck and shoulders.
- It can be both energising and relaxing to the entire body.
- Improves digestion by stimulating the liver and stomach.
- It activates the Manipura (Solar Plexus) Chakra.
- Helps senior learners feel relaxed and calm.

LIMITATIONS

Those having issues with lower back, neck pain or neck injuries should be careful not to stretch the muscles too far.

Avoid rolling your hips. While doing the inside stretch, hips should be parallel to the ground.

Can place a bolster underneath the knees, if necessary.

People suffering from severe sciatica should avoid this pose.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

JAILER (Tamil)

Muthuvel Pandian, a stern yet compassionate jailer, sets out to stop a gang when they try to flee their leader from prison.

Cast: Rajinikanth, Ramya Krishnan, Vasanth Ravi

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

MATHAGAM (Tamil)

A sincere IPS office takes on a crime syndicate, led by an evil mastermind.

Cast: Atharvaa Murali, Manikandan K, Nikhila Vimal

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

HADDI (Hindi)

A transperson, Haddi, moves to Delhi and joins a gang of trans people and cross-dressers headed by an influential man. But is this move aspirational or driven by revenge?

Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Anurag Kashyap, Mohd Zeeshan

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

JOURNEY OF LOVE 18+ (Malayalam)

After a young man and woman fall in love, they hope to run away from home and get married.

Cast: Naslen K Gafoor, Meenakshi Dinesh, Mathew Thomas

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

VASANTHA MULLAI (Tamil)

Rudhran, works tirelessly for a successful career and money, embarks on a romantic journey to spend quality time with his girlfriend Nila. On the way, he stays at the Vasantha Mullai Motel which takes him on a roller coaster ride.

Cast: Bobby Simha, Sarath Babu, Kashmira Pardeshi

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

RAMABANAM (Telugu)

Two siblings, who despite their difference in ideologies come together to fight for their common goal.

Cast: Gopichand, Dimple Hayathi, Jagapathi Babu

- **Watch on:** Netflix

NEEYAT (Hindi)

When a mysterious murder takes place at exiled billionaire Ashish Kapoor's birthday getaway, detective Mira Rao must use all her skills to unravel devious motives, as the suspects are Kapoor's close family and friends.

Cast: Vidya Balan, Shahana Goswami, Ram Kapoor, Amrita Puri

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

BURNING BODY (Spanish, series)

The charred remains of Pedro, a police officer, are found inside a burnt-out car; the discovery triggers an investigation into a network of toxic relationships, deceit, violence, and sexual scandals involving Pedro and two fellow police officers.

Cast: Ursula Corbero, Jose Manuel Poga, Quim Gutierrez

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KING THE LAND (Korean, series)

Amid a tense inheritance fight, a charming heir clashes with his hardworking employee who is known for her irresistible smile, which he cannot stand.

Cast: Lee Jun-ho, Im Yoon-ah, Ko Won-hee

- **Watch on:** Netflix

WIFE LIKE (English)

When artificial human Meredith is assigned as a companion to grieving widower William, she is designed to behave like his late wife. But in the fight to end AI exploitation, an organisation attempts to sabotage her programming.

Cast: Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Elena Kampouris, Doron Bell

- **Watch on:** Netflix

TEN POUND POMS (English, series)

One million Britons were sold the dream of a modern way of life in Australia and were seduced by a fare of just £10. Follow the story of the largest planned migration of the 20th century.

Cast: Warren Brown, Faye Marsay, Michelle Keegan

- **Watch on:** SonyLIV

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Dumpling delight

Move over from your usual modaks, and indulge in these alternative recipes. Chefs offer a list of these wrapped wonders this festive season.

(By: Archita Raghu, Diya Maria George & Sonu M Kothari)

Mango Modak

BY INDIRA NARAYAN

INGREDIENTS

Cashew-nut powder: 1 cup

Mango pulp: 1/2 a cup

Milk powder: 1/2 a cup

Powdered sugar: 2 tbsp (optional) **Ghee:** 1 tbsp

Saffron threads: A pinch soaked in 1 tbsp of milk for garnish

METHOD

Mix all the ingredients together in a heavy-bottomed pan.

Heat the pan in low flame and stir the mixture for a while.

Keep adding ghee at regular intervals and continue stirring, until the mixture rolls into a ball. Once it rolls into a ball, take it out and let it cool down. Pour the mixture into a modak mould to give it the desired shape and take it out. Finally, garnish the prepared modak with saffron.

Pandan Modak

BY KIRAN G THOMAS

INGREDIENTS

Filling

Grated coconut: 2 cups

Jaggery: 1 cup, **Cardamom:** 4, **Nutmeg:** a pinch

Ghee: 1 tsp, **Pandan leaves extract:** 2 tsp

Outer cover

Rice flour: 1 cup

Water: 1 cup, **Salt:** a pinch

Ghee: 1 tsp + 1 tsp for greasing

METHOD

Add ghee to a hot pan. Sauté jaggery, coconut and mix well till it thickens. Add cardamom and nutmeg.

Boil water with salt and ghee. Mix in the flour. Knead into a soft non-sticky dough when hot. Mix the pandan leaves extract thoroughly. Divide the dough into 11 balls. Cover with a damp cloth.

Spread each dough and place the coconut filling. Bring the corners together to make pleats. Steam for 10-12 minutes. Remove after 5 minutes and serve.

Saffron Modak

BY KIRAN G THOMAS

INGREDIENTS

Filling

Grated coconut: 2 cups

Jaggery: 1 cup, **Cardamom:** 4

Nutmeg: a pinch

Ghee: 1 tsp, **Saffron:** 2 tsp

Outer cover

Rice flour: 1 cup

Water: 1 cup

Salt: a pinch

Ghee: 1 tsp + 1tsp for greasing

METHOD

Add ghee to a hot pan. Sauté jaggery, coconut, and saffron until they blend well and turn thick. Do not overcook. Excess moisture should not be there in the pan. Add cardamom and nutmeg and turn off the stove.

Boil 1 cup of water with salt and ghee. Add the flour and give a good mix. When it is hot knead it into a soft non-sticky yet smooth crack-free dough. Sprinkle with hot water. Divide the dough to make 11 equal-sized balls. Cover it with a damp cloth.

Once the coconut filling has cooled down, take each ball to your palm and smoothen it to a crack-free soft ball.

Make a dent in a circular dough. Then spread the dough to make a thin discussing thumb and forefinger. Make pleats at a distance of 1/2 inch on the outer side of the disc. Place the coconut in the centre. Bring the pleats and join them carefully. Steam them in a steam basket in a pressure cooker for 10 to 12 minutes. After 5 minutes remove them and keep them in the tray.

Dry Fruits Modak

BY PARUL BHATT

INGREDIENTS

Figs: 6, **Seedless dates:** 8

Almonds: 15-16, **Walnuts:** 1 tsp

Pistachios: 5

Cashewnuts: 10

Rose water: 1.5 tbsp

Khus Khus: 1 tsp

Desiccated coconut: 1 tsp

Ghee: 1 tbsp, **Raisins:** 10

Cardamom powder: 1 tsp

Cinnamon powder: ¼ tsp

METHOD

Put the nuts in a food processor. Process them into a slightly coarse powder. Set them aside.

Add the pitted dates, figs, and rose water to the processor and blitz them until they come together like soft dough.

In a large bowl, combine all the ingredients. Grease the modak mould with ghee.

Fill the dough mixture into the mould, close it, and trim off excess dough. Gently unmould and it is ready to be served.

Coconut Rose Modak

BY INDIRA NARAYAN

INGREDIENTS

Desiccated coconut: 1/4 cups

Condensed milk: 1/2 cup

Beetroot juice: 1/2 tsp

Cardamom powder: a pinch

Rose essence: 1/4 tsp

Pistachio (crushed)

Ghee: 2 tbsp

METHOD

Heat condensed milk, coconut and beetroot juice in a a heavy-bottom pan. Cook on low flame and stir till it comes together.

Add a little ghee and when it becomes like a ball, switch off the stove.

Grease the modak mould with *ghee*. Pinch a small portion of the dough and push it from the bottom. Press tightly. Gently open the modak mould.

Roll the modak over the crushed pistachios.

A day with the whisperers

CE lensman **A Sanesh** recounts his meeting with the 'Elephant Whisperers' atop the hills of Nilgiris

EVERY now and then, when the clamour of the city gets too deafening and when my soul yearns for a respite, I find myself on the long road home. To the hills. Where the crisp, cool breeze and the serene landscape both soothe the mind and reinvigorate the body.

One such trip earlier this month brought me to Gudalur, a hill station nestled in the verdant beauty of the Nilgiris. From here, I navigated my way to Mudumalai National Park, where I hoped to put my photography skills to the test.

Unlike my previous visits, this time, the park was surprisingly busy, and for good reason. The 2022 documentary *The Elephant Whisperers*, directed by Kartiki Gonsalves, catapulted the region to global fame when it won an Oscar for Best Documentary Short Film at the 95th Academy Awards in March 2023.

As luck would have it, Bomman and Bellie, on whom the documentary was based, were there. They were among the crowd offering their prayers before a Lord Ganesha idol.

The duo, as the film documents, had devoted their lives to caring for an orphaned baby elephant named Raghu, who was entrusted in their care. In the process, the two, a couple, had formed a family-like bond with the animal.

I was delighted to see them. However, by the time I reached the place, they were gone. In that spot remained four westerners, a telltale sign that the region had become a tourist hotspot now. Striking up a conversation with them, I learned that they were researchers from Romania and were in Mudumalai for wildlife photography and research.

The sun set early that day. Keen to click a few snaps of Bomman and Bellie, I returned the following day. Not long after I arrived, I glimpsed the two. Bomman was performing a puja, and Bellie was beside him.

It is likely that they saw the glint of happiness in my eyes. They were eager to share their stories and their experiences. After a hearty chat, they introduced me to their darling Raghu and Ammukutty – the two elephant calves featured in the documentary.

The tangling of Bomman and Bellie's joy and sorrow on seeing the elephants – their 'little ones' – was very palpable. They get to spend limited time with the calves, who are being trained by mahouts.

Despite the laurels the documentary won, Bomman and Bellie continue to be the ordinary people that they always were. "The awards have not changed our lives. We are still the same," Bomman says.

Indeed. The two, who come from a long line of elephant carers, are content with what they are and what they do. As they retraced their steps along the old, dilapidated bridge across the Mayar River, it dawned on me that joy is to be found in the simple things too.

A distraught Bellie leaving the sanctuary after spending some time with Ammukutty, the elephant she had nursed when it was a newborn calf

> *The awards have not changed our lives. We are still the same*
>
> Bomman, Mahout

Bellie and Bomman with Ammukutty

Ammukutty (left) and Raghu, who featured in 'The Elephant Whisperers', have been shifted to the rehabilitation camp

AFFIDAVIT

I, ANKIT SAXENA, S/o. Radheshyam Saxena, aged 33 years, currently residing at #29, Flat No.09, 2nd Floor, SMD Irshad Ali Apartment, 12th Cross Road, 2nd Stage, Near Mico Layout Police Station, Mahadeshwara Nagar, BTM Layout, Bangalore, Karnataka-560103, I declare that the names **ANKIT SAXENA and ANKIT** belongs to me only. In future my name will be called and continued as **ANKIT SAXENA**, vide affidavit dated 15/09/2023 sworn before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

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I, **LOCHAN BALAJI**, S/o Narayana Murthy .V, age 19 years, R/o No. 1102, Block-II, Jain Prakruthi Apartment, Jayanagar 8th Block, Bangalore-560 082, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAGLOCHAN BALAJI** to **LOCHAN BALAJI**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **LOCHAN BALAJI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th Sept. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ARAVIND PATIL G.G.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ASHOK** S/o late Uligappa, age 41 years, R/o Mallasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562114 do hereby declare that I was known and called by name **PAMAIAH**, and the same appears in all my records, after my marriage, I have changed my name to **ASHOK**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **ASHOK** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 15-06-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **C.S. RAMAMURTHY RAO**, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **HARSHITHA ROSHAN**, W/o Kumar Roahsn, age 30 years, R/at No. 101, 6th Cros,s Concorde Garden City Layout, Rajarajeshwari Layout, Bangalore-560 059 do hereby declare that, I have changed my name from HARSHITHA P.V. to **HARSHITHA ROSHAN**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **HARSHITHA ROSHAN** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th Sept. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **RAVI KUMAR .V** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANISH KUMAR .N**, S/o Narendra Kumar, residing at #30/1, 4th Floor, MESCO Building, Near Chennarayaswamy Temple, Ganigarpet, Bengaluru-560 002 have changed my name to **ANISH KUMAR**, vide affidavit dated 16/09/2023 before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU**, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **RAGHU B M**, S/o Sri Mayannasetty B M, age 40 years, R/at No. 57, Sheshadri Nilaya, 5th Cross, 1st Main, Near R.K. Public School, Avalahalli Layout, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560 026 do hereby declare that my correct name is **RAGHU B M** and the same name is reflected in all my documents, but in my Driving Licence, my name is wrongly mentioned as **RAGU B M** instead of **RAGHU B M**, vide affidavit dated 16th Sept. 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. PUTTARAJU** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) NISHANT SINGH RATHORE S/o JC414155N, Sub DALIP SINGH RATHORE, residing at Adm Bn, PRTC, J.C Nagar, Bangalore – 560006, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NISHANT SINGH RATHORE** to **(NEW NAME) NISHANT SINGH** vide affidavit dated 13.09.2023 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Vittal Mallya P**, S/o. P. Padmanabha Mallya, Aged 48 years, Residing at Flat No. 004, Wing 7, Balaji Lakeside Marvel, 7th Cross, 1st Main, BHCS Layout, Uttarhalli, Bengaluru - 560 061, do hereby declare that both my names **Vittala Mallya P** and **Vittal Mallya P** are one and the same and henceforth I shall be known as **Vittal Mallya P** for all intents and purposes in all records. Vide affidavit dated 16.09.2023 sworn to before Ravi Kumar .V, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **FASIHA BANO A A, W/o. Sameer, Residing at: #442, 1st Main, 1st Cross, 3rd Block, Devsandra Main Road, Ayyappa Nagar, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036,** have changed my Name from **FASIHA BANU**

Vide Affidavit dated 27.04.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Srinatha .D.R. Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BHAVYA RAMESH** alias **BHAVYA SUDHEENDRA,** aged about 37 years, D/o Late N. Ramesh and Smt. Mahalakshmi .R and W/o Sri Sudheendra R., R/at No. 134/1, 4th Main, Srinivasanagar, BSK1st Stage, Bangalore-560050 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BHAVYA RAMESH** to **BHAVYA SUDHEENDRA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **BHAVYA SUDHEENDRA** only, vide affidavit dated 13-09-2023,sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESHA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **LAMRATH** and **FARHATH KAIRUNNISA,** Residing at No. 301, Flat No. 5, Willy Kote, Bendoor, Opp SCS Hospital, Kankanady, Mangaluru City-575002, Karnataka, today camp at Bengaluru, have changed our minor son's name from **LUT LAMRATH ABDULLA** to **ALI LAMRATH ABDULLAH**, vide affidavit dated: 16.09.2023 before notary **GANGARAJU .B.N**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SAARAH SHABBIR PARTAPGARHWALA**, D/o Nasreen, residing at #S-204, Sairam Homes, 2nd floor, 8th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere, Bannerghattta Road, Bengaluru-560 083 have changed my name to **SAARAH UMRETHWALA**, vide affidavit dated 14/09/2023 before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU**, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MASIRA ANJUM SHAIK**, R/of #3282, 4th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Nagamma Layout, Kavalbyrasandra, Bangalore-560032, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MASIRA ANJUM S.K.** to **MASIRA ANJUM SHAIK**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MASIRA ANJUM SHAIK** only, vide affidavit dated 16-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **M. RAJENDRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) LAD KAUR M/o JC414155N, Sub DALIP SINGH RATHORE, residing at Adm Bn, PRTC, J.C. Nagar, Bangalore – 560006, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) LAD KAUR** to **(NEW NAME) LAD KANWAR** vide affidavit dated 13.09.2023 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHYAMALA NAIDU**, Residing at #35, R.C.Layout, B.M.Kaval, Chikka Tataguni, Agara Grama, Bengaluru-560062, Have changed my name from **SHYAMALA to SHYAMALA NAIDU**. Declaring that these both names are belongs to me only & **SHYAMALA NAIDU** is correct name Vide affidavit dated 14.09.2023 sworn before Notary & Advocate Y.V.SHANKAR, R.T.Nagar, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **Smt. S.UMA** W/o. Late R. Nagaraju, aged about 58 years, resident of No.17/A, 17th Cross, Near Sudha School, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023, I declare that the names **S.UMA and SHANTHA S.** belongs to me only. In future my name will be called and continued as **S. UMA**, vide affidavit dated 15/09/2023 sworn before advocate and notary M.K. DEVAKI, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Annanya Pravin, D/o. Sri. Pravin Nagaraj, aged about 20 years, residing at A-305, Mantri Elegance, Bannerghatta Road, N. S. Palya, Bangalore 560076, Karnataka, have changed my Name from **ANANYA PRAVEEN to ANNANYA PRAVIN**

Vide Affidavit dated 31.08.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Aruna .V, Bangalore

Vinay Rajkumar

Megha Shetty

MEGHA SHETTY JOINS VINAY RAJKUMAR IN *GRAMAYANA*

Devanuru Chandru's debut directorial, which was relaunched with a fresh production team will go on floors from October 4

A SHARADHAA

VINAY Rajkumar's film *Gramayana*, relaunched with a fresh production team, is all set to begin shooting on October 4, and the first schedule will be held in Kadur. Debutant director Devanuru Chandru will be helming the project, which is now backed by G Manoharan of Lahari Films and KP Sreekanth of Venus Entertainers. While Vinay was the only confirmed actor initially, the makers have now finalised Megha Shetty to play the female lead. The latter, known for her work on the small screen in the serial *Jothe Jotheyalli*, made her silver screen debut with Ganesh's *Tribble Riding* and later appeared in the Krishna-starrer *Dilpasand*. She is currently awaiting the release of *Kaiva*, directed by Jayathirtha, and *After Operation London Cafe*. The actor is now gearing up to start shooting for *Gramayana*.

Gramayana will mark the first collaboration of Vinay and Megha Shetty. The film, set in a village backdrop with Vinay playing a rural youth, will also feature noted artiste Gopalkrishna Deshpande in a prominent role. Aparna, a senior actor known for her reality show *Maja Talkies*, is making her comeback with this film after a hiatus. The team is in the final stages of casting, and an official announcement about the complete cast is expected soon. The film will feature music by Poornachandra Tejaswi and cinematography by Abhishek Kasargod.

Meanwhile, Vinay, who has completed shooting for *Andondittu Kaala*, is eagerly awaiting the release of his much anticipated film, *Pepe*. Directed by Shreelesh Nair, the film is currently in the post-production stage and is expected to hit the screens in October. The official release date will be announced by the makers soon.

Vijay Kumar values unique music in his directorial ventures: Charan Raj

Popular rappers Rahul=Dit-O and MC Bijju are behind Bheema's Bad Boy track, which will be released today

MC Bijju, Rahul Dit-O, along with actor Vijay Kumar and composer Charan Raj

CE FEATURES

MUSIC director Charan Raj is on a musical spree. The composer, who recently delivered soothing romantic numbers for *Sapta Sagaradaache Yello*, and is currently working on Suri's upcoming crime drama, *Bad Manners*, starring Abishek Ambareesh, is excited about his musical work in Vijay Kumar's sophomore directorial, *Bheema*. The film features five tracks, and the first single, *Bad Boy* is set to be unveiled today. The rap song will feature the vocals of well-known rappers Rahul Dit-O and MC Bijju with lyrics penned by Nagarjuna Sharma.

"*Bad Boy* is a trendy rap style with two popular rappers coming together, and the song is to be released during the Ganesh festival, and it will certainly to heighten the excitement surrounding Bheema," says Charan Raj, who also mentioned that the rappers bring a significant influence to the film's background score.

Additionally, the album includes a romantic number, the title song called *Hai Bheema*, a folk track, and a song dedicated to Bengaluru. *Bheema* marks Charan Raj's second collaboration with Vijay Kumar, following *Salaga*. According to the composer, Vijay Kumar provides valuable input for the musical score and songs. "He values unique music in his directorial ventures," says the ace composer.

Bheema, produced by Krishna Sarthak and Jagadeesh Gowda, introduces Ashwini, a theatre artist, to the film industry. With dialogues by Maasthi, the film has Shiv Sena and Deepu S Kumar taking care of the cinematography and editing, respectively.

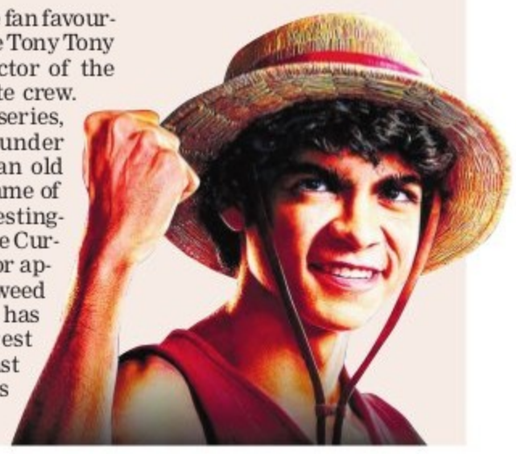
The film is currently in the post-production phase, and the makers are planning to release *Bheema* later this year.

Vijay Kumar

One Piece S2 to bring key characters from animated series

CE FEATURES

NETFLIX'S *One Piece* has become the first anime-to-live action adaptation to become a success. Netflix's very own *Death Note* and *Cowboy Bebop* have failed to achieve this earlier. While the streaming giant has recently announced the renewal of the series for a second season, details have emerged about the upcoming season. Eiichiro Oda, artist and original creator of *One Piece*, revealed that season 2 will include fan favourite characters like Tony Tony Chopper, the doctor of the *Straw Hats* pirate crew. In the animated series, Chopper works under the tutelage of an old woman by the name of Dr Kureha. Interestingly, actor Jamie Lee Curtis, best known for appearing in Halloweed and Glass Onion, has expressed interest in joining the cast of *One Piece* as doctor Kureha.



Aparshakti, Ishwak's spy thriller *Berlin* all set to premiere at IFFLA

CE FEATURES

APARSHAKTI Khurana, Ishwak Singh, and Rahul Bose-starrer spy thriller *Berlin* is all set for its world premiere at the Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles in October. *Berlin* promises to deliver an immersive experience where espionage, trust, and the blurred lines between innocence and guilt take centre stage.

Directed by Atul Sabharwal, the film revolves around a deaf-mute man who gets arrested on the charge of being a spy. A sign language expert interrogates on behalf of a government agent. As the mystery unravels, the sign language expert is drawn into the dark world of espionage, deceit, and corruption. The line between innocence and guilt blurs in this gripping tale. Sharing his excitement Ishwak Singh said, "The opportunity to premiere Berlin at the Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles is a dream come true. It's a testament to the incredible journey we've embarked upon and elevates the level of Indian storytelling. I can't wait for audiences to witness it on the big screen."

Aparshakti Khurana called working in the film an incredible experience. "Working on 'Berlin' was an incredible experience. It challenges storytelling boundaries, and I'm eager for the audience to unravel the mysteries we've woven. We are excited that the film shall be presented at such an eminent global platform," he said in a statement.

"Being part of *Berlin* has been a memorable experience. The film's narrative is a blend of suspense and emotion that I am pretty sure will have the audience hooked. I am very happy it will premiere at the Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles," said Rahul Bose.

Produced by Zee Studios and Yippie Ki Yay Motion Pictures, written and directed by Atul Sabharwal, the film also stars, Kabir Bedi and Anupriya Goenka in pivotal roles.

A COMPELLING TALE WITH MINIMAL RETURNS

CE FEATURES

PARIMALA D'Souza, a low-budget production featuring relative newcomers, ambitiously endeavours to weave a narrative that blends mystery, sentiment, and family drama. The tale unfolds with Lucky, an industrious cook, stumbling upon the lifeless body of Parimala D'Souza in her bathtub, effectively igniting a riveting murder investigation. The film immerses viewers in an investigative ride as Police Inspector Vijayalakshmi (Komala Banavase) immerses herself in the case. Initially, her suspicions rest on Vijay, but later they pivot towards his mother and uncle.

At a crucial juncture, the narrative introduces us to Papanna, affectionately known as Cycle Papa, the son of Bhagyamma (Bhavya). He emerges as a pivotal eyewitness to the harrowing moment when someone strangles Parimala D'Souza. This revelation injects a thrilling twist into the plot, deepening the central mystery. The entire film now hinges on uncovering Cycle Papa's fate and, even more crucially, identifying the true perpetrator of the crime.

Parimala D'Souza strives to strike a balance between its murder mystery core and a touching mother-son sentiment subplot. The son's unwavering determination to safeguard his mother's love and life occupies a significant portion of the film's runtime, adding depth to the storyline. The climactic courtroom scene further layers the narrative with suspense and intrigue. While the title may lead you to believe Parimala D'Souza plays a central role, her presence in the film is relatively fleeting, lasting no more than approximately 10 minutes. The film's focus extends beyond the titular character, with other roles garnering more screen time. A poignant motherhood-themed song, adds an emotional touch.

PARIMALA D'SOUZA
Director: Giridhar H T
Cast: Bhavya, Srinivas Prabhu, Komala Banavase, and Vinod Sheshadri

RATING 2/5

Nonetheless, *Parimala D'Souza* grapples with its share of shortcomings. Except for veteran actor Bhavya and Srinivas Prabhu, and a select few, the cast primarily comprises newcomers, and their performance isn't always on point. Furthermore, the visual quality of the film affects the overall cinematic experience. An eccentric character, a watchman engrossed in cricket while pivotal events unfold, may come across as unconvincing to viewers.

Parimala D'Souza serves as an earnest effort to showcase emerging talent within the film industry. While it may not be a cinematic masterpiece, it still warrants a watch if you're looking to pass the time and support budding talents.

Ajay Devgn's *Singham Again* goes on floors

CE FEATURES

AJAY Devgn and Deepika Padukone starrer *Singham Again* went on floors on Saturday, director Rohit Shetty announced on his Instagram.

On the social media platform, the director wrote, "'Singham', 'Singham Returns', 'Simmba', 'Sooryavanshi'... 12 years ago, when we made 'Singham', we never thought that it would turn into a Cop Universe! Today, we begin filming *Singham Again*... the 5th film in our cop franchise."

Singham Again will see Deepika in a cop avatar. Ranveer Singh, who was a part of Rohit Shetty's *Simmba*, will also be reprising his role in *Singham Again*. The film's cast also includes Akshay Kumar, who did not join the inauguration ceremony as he is out of town. However, on his official X handle, he wrote, "Not in the country at the moment, missing from the frame in person but totally there in spirit. Can't wait to join you guys on the sets of #SinghamAgain! Sending my best wishes. Jai Mahakaal."